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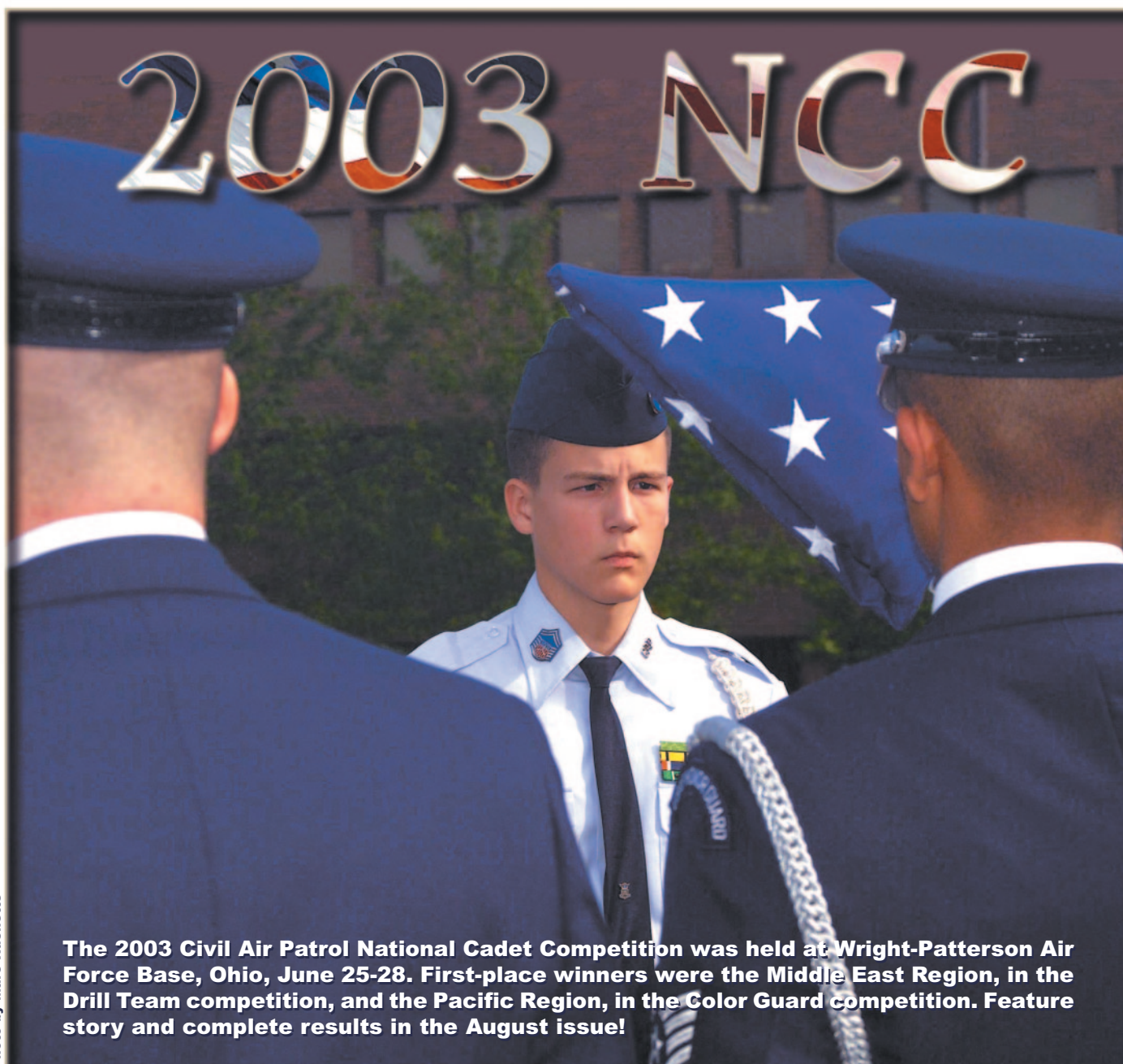
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centralized operation to  
support fleet of 550  
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## CAP announces new marketing arrangement; forming partnerships with corporate America

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol announced in late June a marketing arrangement that allows businesses espousing similar values and community missions to directly support America's homeland security, the war on drugs and youth development.

CAP, the all-volunteer auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, has developed a Corporate Partner Program to build awareness and fund the growing needs of the 62-year-old organization.

"The CAP Corporate Partner Program allows corporations of any size to not only build a positive association with one of America's key homeland security resources, but to directly support the effort themselves," said James Shea, CAP's director of Strategic Partnerships.

The nonprofit volunteer organization, founded just prior to Pearl Harbor during World War II to provide civil and coastal defense, consists of more 64,000 members

from all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. CAP provides emergency services (including search and rescue and disaster relief) as well as youth development and aerospace education programs.

"In the 1940s and 50s, corporations supported CAP and other civil defense organizations. We need help again to continue the expansion in CAP homeland security, youth and education programs that positively affect our communities across the country," said CAP Executive Director Al Allenback, a retired Air Force colonel. "Our members are contributing not only their own time, but often their own money to serve our country during the war against terrorism at a critical time in our nation's history."

CAP's corporate partners will be able to use the CAP name and corporate partner mark in advertising, marketing and promotions as well as in merchandising and licensing rights. Among other programs, corporate partner funds may be used for regional

homeland security command vehicles, the latest imaging and communications equipment for aircrews and ground crews, drug reduction programs for schools, educational conferences, flight training and other support for cadets.

"For example, our 27,000-strong cadet program has outgrown our budget for uniforms this year, and we're seeking corporate support to help this important citizen-building effort," Allenback said.

"We feel this program is especially valuable to those companies wishing to tie in to the patriotic efforts of CAP volunteers and to show their customers they support homeland security efforts, disaster relief, education and youth programs," said Shea. "This is a unique opportunity."

For additional information about the CAP Corporate Partner Program, contact Shea at [jshea@cap.gov](mailto:jshea@cap.gov) or (866) 948-5101, or visit CAP's Web site at [www.capnhq.gov](http://www.capnhq.gov).



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## CAP partners with ExxonMobil for aircraft lubricants

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — In an effort to better serve the membership, CAP has partnered with ExxonMobil Aviation Lubricants to provide discount pricing on aviation lubricants.

Wings can now establish an account with ExxonMobil and save as much as 20 percent on bulk purchases of lubricants by ordering via the Internet.

"ExxonMobil has worked with us to build a private online eStore, so members can order efficiently, with large or small orders, anywhere in the nation," said CAP Executive Director Al Allenback. "This advanced, user-friendly approach serves our volunteer members, even in remote areas."

As an added bonus, individual members can order lubricants for their private aircraft and receive a 10-percent discount. A complete line of premium lubricants is available to CAP, including ExxonMobil's premium oil, Exxon Aviation Oil Elite 20W-50. Introduced to the U.S. marketplace in 2000, Exxon Elite is a blend of synthetic and mineral-based oils. It was formulated with a proprietary additive package designed to control wear in piston-engine aircraft and is especially suitable for recreational aircraft that typically sit on the ground for

days between uses and are thus susceptible to a buildup of rust and corrosion.

"The CAP fleet is not currently making it to TBO (time between overhaul)," according to Mike Stewart, director of Logistics and Mission Resources at CAP National Headquarters. "Based upon the independent engineering reports we saw, we believe the technically advanced formulation in Exxon Elite will help solve that problem."

"We're honored our products are associated with such an important force in aviation," said David Parsons, global manager for ExxonMobil Aviation Lubricants. "For

many years, the marketplace for piston-engine lubricants has been dominated by oils with older formulations. Now, with Exxon Elite, there's a product that addresses today's performance needs with the very latest technology. CAP's use of Exxon Elite is a tribute to how our formulation can help solve contemporary aviation problems."

The partnership will be formally announced during

**ExxonMobil**  
*Aviation*  
*Lubricants*

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# CAP shows 'right stuff' in TOPOFF 2 exercise

## Volunteers work seamlessly with Chicago, Seattle emergency responders

**Melanie LeMay**  
Public Relations Specialist  
CAP National Headquarters

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS** — When counter-terrorism exercise TOPOFF 2 concluded May 16 in Chicago and Seattle, Civil Air Patrol volunteers were counted among the successful responders.

TOPOFF 2 was the second in a series of national-level domestic and international exercises sponsored by the U.S. State Dept., U.S. Dept. of Justice and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"The TOPOFF exercises are an important part of our national preparedness strategy. If we are going to make our response system stronger, we first have to identify where strengths and weaknesses exist. That is what TOPOFF is designed to do. These challenging scenarios forced us to gauge our readiness, test our internal communications and reinforce relationships," said Tom Ridge, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

By focusing on the nation's available response to a simulated attack

using weapons of mass destruction, the TOPOFF exercise pinpointed strengths and weaknesses in existing response systems. TOPOFF 2 simulated a covert release of deadly radioactive and biological agents. CAP members in the two cities worked closely with local agencies to do their part in the emergency simulations.

In Chicago, while some of the 30 participating Illinois members role-played as victims, others stood ready to fly trained biohazard technicians to the exercise site. Others escorted VIPs and helped Chicago police with crowd control. Wing members there also served as part of a large group sent to selected hospitals and public health facilities to receive simulated inoculations against the exercise "plague" virus, demonstrating the city's capacity to obtain and distribute mass medications.

In Seattle, seven Washington Wing cadets and senior members role-played as victims for medical triage and treatment. Afterward,

they critiqued the treatment they received for TOPOFF officials. Two additional wing officers served as subject-matter-expert data collectors for the Seattle Fire Department extraction team and Emergency Medical Services triage team. They documented all pertinent data on the ex-

chief of counterdrug and homeland security. "This exercise was valuable in helping local emergency agencies become more familiar with CAP's capabilities and personnel."

Col. Doug Jones, Washington Wing command liaison for homeland security and counterdrug operations,

was included in the invitation-only tabletop debriefing May 15 for the Seattle venue of TOPOFF 2.

The first TOPOFF exercise was held in May 2000 in Denver and Portsmouth, N.H. That exercise included simulations of both chemical and biological terrorist attacks.

"As with the first TOPOFF exercise, held three years ago, we hope TOPOFF 2 will provide us with concrete examples of how we can better respond to attacks. Because, while we're doing everything we can to prevent, deter and disrupt terrorist activity, we have to be prepared to respond to any real life scenario that might occur," said Ridge.

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**Tom Ridge**  
Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security

ercise during their assigned shifts for later analysis by exercise leaders.

"As a result of work by the Illinois and Washington wings, the TOPOFF 2 planners now understand even better what CAP has to contribute — both in real-world scenarios and in such exercises as TOPOFF," said John Kittle, CAP

## AT A GLANCE

### ■ FCU success outpaces budget

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS** — It was briefed at the recent CAP National Executive Committee that the Free Cadet Uniform program has been a tremendous success this year. As a result, CAP has reached the point where the demand for uniforms has out paced funding for the remainder of fiscal 2003, and consequently must stop filling FCU requests.

According to CAP Executive Director Al Allenback, the national headquarters will continually monitor the budget as it moves toward the end of the fiscal year and reprogram funds if they become available.

"We are also aggressively looking at various ways to increase the level of funding for this important project, both with the Air Force and through potential corporate sponsorships," said Allenback.

### ■ CAP musicians to attend muster

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS** — CAP cadet musicians from as far away as Germany, Idaho, Oklahoma, Florida and Texas will march in the Deep River Ancient Muster in Deep River, Conn., July 19.

The band, part of CAP's national music academy this summer, will be under the directorship of Maj. George Carroll, CAP band director of the Maryland Wing.

The unit, composed of 26 talented musicians from 15 states and Germany, plus 11 senior members as instructors and mentors, has been in intense rehearsals at Camp Fretterd National Guard Base near Baltimore since early July.

During the Ancient Muster, fife, drum and bugles will ring through the streets. The annual event draws several thousands of spectators who go to watch more than 70 fife and drum corps for a combined showing of more than 2,000 marchers. This will be the third year in a row cadets attending CAP's National Military Music Academy will have participated.

CAP's national music academy was formed to promote, preserve and revive the traditions of military music in CAP.

### ■ Michigan cadet earns Eagle Scout

**MICHIGAN** — A Michigan Wing cadet achieved the highest rank possible in the Boy Scouts of America.

Tech. Sgt. Timothy Johnson of the Selfridge Cadet Squadron was honored May 30 when he was awarded his Eagle Scout rank.

Proudly observing his Eagle Court was his mother, 2nd Lt. Karen Mura, and his sister, Cadet Airman Kristen Johnson.

Johnson did much of the work for his Eagle project while also participating fully in squadron activities, which

included regular meetings, duty at parades, fly-ins and volunteer work for squadron activities.

"This was an incredible commitment for Tim, participating in a Boy Scout troop and a Civil Air Patrol squadron at the same time, but he managed his time really well and accomplished a lot. It's also a tribute to his sister, because so much time had to be put into the project, and where he went, she came along," Johnson's mother said.

To earn the rank, Scouts must find and excel at a significant project of benefit to the community. Johnson's project was to completely gut and renovate the dispensing and medical room of The Cleave Home, a group home for developmentally disabled people, located in Harrison Township, Mich. The work required

everything from carpentry and painting to installing appliances and countertops.

Senior and cadet squadron members also attended the court, with the squadron color guard posting the colors for the event and Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Bell delivering the invocation. Johnson also received a letter of commendation and a commander's coin sent by the commander of the Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Air Force Col. Robert H. Johnston.



**Cadet Tech. Sgt. Timothy Johnson**



## CAP headquarters dedicates training course to OK member

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol's online National Counterdrug Orientation (Refresher) Training Course has been dedicated to the memory of Oklahoma Wing member Lt. Col. Norman M. Edwards.

Edwards, who was killed recently in a helicopter crash in Oklahoma, was integrally involved in CAP's counterdrug program and orientation training for more than a decade.

As a U.S. Customs Service special agent, Edwards traveled around the nation providing CAP members counterdrug orientation and refresher training at the region level.



Lt. Col. Norman Edwards

"He was an outstanding presenter for U.S. Customs Service, and later CAP, during the CAP National Counterdrug Orientation telecourses, which were broadcast nationwide on the National Guard Warrior Network," said John Salvador, director of Operations at CAP National Headquarters. "He was a superb ambassador for U.S. Customs and the Civil Air Patrol, and he will be greatly missed."

Edwards had been a member of the Oklahoma Wing Headquarters Squadron since 1999, and had served as operations director since 2001. He was also a Federal Aviation Administration designated examiner.

## Wild blue yonder!



From left, Katie Phillips of Tuskegee, Ala., listens to Judy Rice, deputy director of the Aerospace Education Division at Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters, just before taking off in Rice's two-seater Grumman Yankee on an orientation flight May 24. The flight took place during the 36th Annual Tuskegee Fly-in, during which about 50 local children were able to go aloft. After the orientation flights, Rice spoke to the crowd about CAP and being a female flyer. Rice has been flying for more than 10 years.

## High-profile stories featured in 130-page Portrait of Freedom

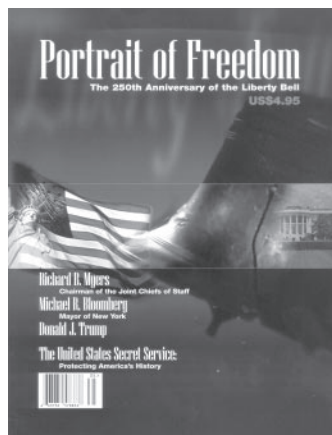
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — High-profile feature stories on Civil Air Patrol are included in a new book called *Portrait of Freedom*, now on sale at Barnes & Noble and Hastings bookstores throughout the country.

The book showcases a story on CAP's homeland defense effort ("Civil Air Patrol: Ideally Positioned for Homeland Defense" – Page 62), written by CAP National Headquarters Public Relations Specialist Melanie LeMay and one on CAP's NASCAR program ("Civil Air Patrol Racing Ahead – Page 122), by former CAP Motorsports Manager Keri Wright.

The book, which was produced to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Liberty Bell, also includes personal messages from Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, W. Ralph Basham, director of the U.S. Secret Service, and the mayors of New York City and Philadelphia. Also profiled are FEMA's Citizen Corps, Tom Ridge of the Department of Homeland Security and Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense.

According to Kelly Meyers of publishing company Belmont International, Inc., the book recognizes what "the U.S. government and military operations have done and are doing to defend the principles of freedom, justice and democracy."

The full-color 130-page soft-cover book *Portrait of Freedom* is being sold at bookstores and independent newsstands for \$4.95. In addition it is also available by mail. Call (727) 533-8607 to order. Cost per copy is \$4.95 plus \$2.25 shipping.



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## Congresswoman McCollum new member



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Far right, Minnesota Wing Commander Col. Dale Hoiem presents Minnesota Congresswoman Betty McCollum her Civil Air Patrol Congressional Squadron membership certificate, as Cadet 2nd Lts. Michael Medved, far left, and Kevin Sperling of the wing's St. Paul Composite Squadron look on. McCollum was visiting Fleming Field in South St. Paul Minnesota and received a briefing from Hoiem on the Minnesota Wing and the wing's plans for a new training and maintenance facility at the airport. McCollum represents Minnesota's 4th District, which includes St. Paul and South St. Paul.

## TN legal officer coaches team to mock trial national championship

TENNESSEE — Maj. Jeffrey M. Atherton coached a team of budding young lawyers to first place — for the second time in a row — at the National High School Mock Trial Championships in New Orleans May 10.

The championship represented several "firsts." Never before had any team from the same group or school won the title two times. Never before had any team, state or coach won back-to-back championships. Never before had any team scored as many points to win. And, before last year, never had a Tennessee team won the title.

The team, which consisted of a group of six Chattanooga high school home-

schoolers, received winning ballots from all judges in all rounds, and scored the highest cumulative point total ever in the competition.

A total of 44 teams representing 42 states and the Marianas Islands competed in the four-day event.

In addition to his duties as legal officer and deputy commander of cadets for the wing's Chattanooga Composite Squadron, Atherton is

a partner in a Chattanooga law firm, a home-schooling father of four (two of whom are cadets) and is vice-president of the local home-school association.

Atherton has coached the Chattanooga home-school mock trial teams for the past 12 years.



Maj. Jeffrey Atherton

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# New operation supports CAP's 550 single-engine fleet

**NATIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS** — Some Civil Air Patrol members might characterize the closing of the CAP depot at Amarillo as good news-bad news. Formally called the CAP Supply Depot (Aircraft) — volunteers referred to it as just “the depot.”

When the depot closed earlier this year, due to escalating expenses, a new plan was put into place to continue support for CAP's fleet of 550 single-engine aircraft.

“The depot had been in operation for 31 years,” said Mike Stewart, director of Logistics and Resources at CAP National Headquarters. “We knew it would be a challenge to restructure aircraft support for major maintenance.”

Stewart was charged with establishing a replacement support concept. With the depot's Amarillo, Texas, location closing, he established a different plan of operations at national headquarters, which included just-in-time parts support and centralized management of aircraft. Gary Arthurs, a familiar voice from the depot, became a part of the centralized management team.

“Our members are accustomed to dealing with Gary,” Stewart said. “He's been with the depot for 24 years. He's familiar with our members, as well as our suppliers and their products.”

To beef up maintenance support, Christie Richardson joined the team. Formerly stationed at a fixed-base operation in Georgia, Richardson worked with aviation parts for more than eight years. She also brought to the table experience in claims administration acquired while she worked with an aviation insurance company.

The depot kept parts in inventory and was able to

quickly ship items to the customer. Now this capability will be replaced with a “just-in-time” operation. The aircraft support team will locate a best-value vendor and have parts drop-shipped to customers.

“We've made arrangements with overhaul facilities to maintain a stock of built-up engines,” Stewart said. “This provides a ready source of engines. The alternative is waiting for engines to be overhauled. We've also arranged for CAP's National Technology Center to keep avionics ready for shipment and we've maintained our discounts with Cessna.”

According to CAP National Executive Director Al Allenback, the new operation is ideal.

“The centralized aircraft support plan provides the best value and service for our aircraft fleet,” said Allenback. “And we have an aircraft support team that is eager to help our volunteers enjoy the CAP flying missions with little distraction from aircraft maintenance downtime.”

“Now, instead of calling me at the depot, members call me at the CAP Aircraft Support Team,” said Arthurs. “I also help with minor maintenance. Even though national doesn't pay for minor maintenance, I can still help since I know the products. I can look at what local companies are charging and tell a member if it's a good deal. If it's not, I can suggest alternatives.”

According to Richardson, the CAP members she has talked to have been very satisfied with the team's service.

“Especially since we've been able to provide a quick turnaround on maintenance requests,” Richardson said.

ExxonMobil is also helping in the transition by providing discounts on aviation lubricants.



Photo by Jim Tynan

**New aircraft support plan team members at CAP National Headquarters — from left, Mike Stewart, director of Logistics, Christie Richardson, aircraft parts specialist, and Dan Daniels, chief of aircraft management. Also on the team, but not pictured, is Gary Arthurs, aircraft maintenance technician.**

“This is a benefit we didn't have during the days of the depot,” Stewart said.

ExxonMobil has established a CAP Web page, and the company is providing good savings on all lubricant items. Their Exxon Aviation Oil Elite 20W-50 reportedly provides considerably more hours of rust-free flying on tappets and cam lobes/followers. This would prolong the life of an engine and result in lower maintenance costs. Discounts are also available for member's personal aircraft.

The ExxonMobil Web page can be reached at <http://EliteEtc.com>. Click on the “Civil Air Patrol” button on the left side and then key in the user name “cap” and password “cap2003” — that will bring up the CAP Exxon Web page.

The depot also handled items for cadet programs, aerospace education, as well as search and rescue missions. These types of items have been transferred to what was formerly known as the CAP Bookstore. To recognize this increased level of support, the bookstore has been renamed “CAPMart.”

By August 2003, CAPMart will be online and providing an e-commerce capability to volunteers across the nation.

To contact CAP Aircraft Support, call (334) 953-0195

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# AIG Aviation now endorsing CAP liability insurance

NEW YORK — AIG Aviation, Inc., a member company of American International Group, Inc., announced that it is now endorsing Civil Air Patrol liability insurance coverage onto the non-owned aircraft damage liability insurance form.

"The CAP plays a vital role in our nation's safety and security," said Jim Anderson, vice president of AIG Aviation, Inc. "However, with recent changes to CAP regulations, CAP pilots are facing possible liability exposures in the course of performing their official duties. Understanding the risk exposures under the new regulations, we are pleased to provide this much needed coverage for CAP pilots."

CAP liability coverage is optional coverage that provides protection for physical damage to a non-owned aircraft that a CAP pilot may be responsible for during official CAP missions.

The CAP coverage is now integrated into eLAD, AIG Aviation's online quoting and policy issuance

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## ExxonMobil ... from 2

the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture show in Oshkosh, Wis., in the latter part of July. However, the program is already active and some wings have already begun participating.

Go to [www.EliteEtc.com](http://www.EliteEtc.com) for more details. Simply click on the "Civil Air Patrol" button on the left side of the page.

Your user-name will be "cap" and the password is "cap2003."

An ExxonMobil representative will present the entire program to the 2003 CAP National Board in Las Vegas Aug. 25. They will have an exhibit booth at the Annual Conference and be available to answer any questions.

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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT!

## We must take more care with integration of new members

**T**he best thing about this great Air Force Auxiliary is that we do everything as a group! This means we do so much more and so much better than anyone of us could by going it alone. From promoting aerospace activities in our local schools to aiding in the overall security of our homeland, our effort is that of one united team.

Unfortunately, sometimes we fail to retain the brightest of our newly recruited team members, particularly our adults, because we forget to truly integrate them into this team in a meaningful way. Sometimes we approach their individual development in a manner, which, frankly, just turns them off.

Our membership has grown significantly over the past couple of years. Yet I know from personal contact, we are driving away some of these brand-new team players. One new member e-mailed me in frustration because he had been a member for more than six months, but felt he was in a “holding pattern” because Level 1 training had been promised, but not given, nor even scheduled. Another member said, “Okay, I completed Level 1 more than six months ago, but no one seems to know or is willing to tell me what to do next!” Yet another says she was told to just go the CAP home page to complete her orientation.

We must take more care with the integration of our new adult members, and in their long-term nurturing and development. We must take the lead in developing these new members and share with them the value we place in their membership with our great organization.

Providing these new members with the tools they need at the very beginning of their membership is a priority every squadron must fulfill. Keep in mind a “team” does not just happen; it has to be built.

Just as we value the new member, we need to remember these members see a value in belonging to our organization. The productivity of your squadron will depend — to a large extent — on building upon the reason each member came to the Civil Air Patrol in the first place. Share work experiences together or career aspirations, interests in life, reasons for joining CAP, personal feelings about entering this unique volun-

teer environment or anything else that will help your team see each member as a unique human being of value to each other and to CAP.

Once relationships have been established, we (all of us) must be sure the group is clear about its goals. If we don't do this, we may end up with a squadron that encourages conformity, squanders time and energy on meaningless trivia, or

riences and knowledge that may include work-related activities, family responsibilities and previous education. New learning needs to be connected to this knowledge and their experience base;

• **When adults plan to come to a course, they usually know what goal they want to attain.** Therefore, they appreciate programs that are organized and have clearly defined elements. The leader must show participants how this class will help them attain their goals — and this must be done early;

• **Adults must see a reason for learning something.** Learning has to be applicable to their role in CAP to be of value to them. Facilitators must identify objectives for adult participants before a course begins. This also means that theories and concepts must be related to a setting familiar to participants.

• **Adults are practical, and focus on the aspects of a lesson most useful to them in their work.** Leaders must tell participants exactly how the lesson will be useful to them as a part of the CAP team.

• **Adults need to be shown respect, which, is one of our core values.** Facilitators must acknowledge the wealth of experiences that adult participants bring to the classroom. Thus these adults should be treated as equals in terms of experience and knowledge and allowed to voice opinions freely in class.

We are all aware that most of our adult members have significant responsibilities outside

of CAP. These responsibilities can be barriers to personal development and should be considered as you develop your group. Think through how such barriers, such as a lack of time, money, confidence, interest or information, may be overcome within your squadron. Think also about how external factors, such as child care or transportation, can be resolved.

The bottom line here is to understand the best way to motivate adults is to enhance

their reasons for being an active member while decreasing the barriers. Value the reason why members joined CAP and discover what might be keeping them from learning and progressing. Then plan your motivating strategies. You will find that CAP Regulation 50-17, *CAP Senior Member Professional Development Program* is an excellent resource in your endeavors. Let's value our members!

Semper vigilans!



### NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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engages in tasks, which have nothing to do with our missions. And we won't know until it is too late to turn around.

The next critical part of being an effective leader for both our newest members and “old heads,” as well, involves understanding just how adults learn. Most importantly, as a leader, I encourage you to establish an environment where group learning can be fostered.

Malcolm Knowles, one of the pioneers in the study of adult learning, tells us just how to foster

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adult learning using the guidelines that follow.

• **Adults are free to direct themselves.** Clearly, the leader must get participants' perspectives about what topics to cover and let them work on projects that reflect their interests. Leaders must guide participants to their own knowledge, rather than just supply them with the facts. And, you must show participants how the group will help them reach their goals.

• **Adults have a foundation of life expe-**



## SAFETY

# Safety officer an important, vital component in all CAP units

**T**he unit safety officer is an important and vital component of all Civil Air Patrol units. From flights on up to region, a safety officer is required, and it cannot be stated too often that safety is important to the successful accomplishment of all our missions.

In emergency services, we are often in a hurry to get out there and find the target so that, if there are survivors, we can make a difference. Yet a rapid response does not need to be reckless. Good operational risk management can help us have a fast, safe and winning outcome.

The cadet program is an area where we have seen a lot of bodily injuries. In part, it is because their enthusiasm is not yet tempered with caution. Senior leaders need to supervise and monitor cadets activities and make sure appropriate precautions are taken.

Aerospace education is often aimed at our cadets — whether it is rocket launching or orientation flights, we must keep a vigilant eye out for potential safety hazards.

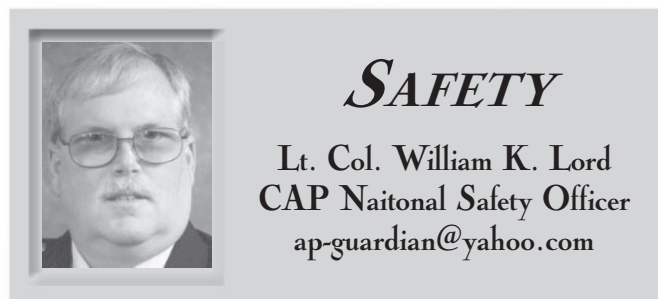
So, how does the safety officer foster a “safety culture” within their unit? To start, the safety officer must have the support of the commander. Without a commitment from the commander, the safety officer faces an uphill battle at best.

What is considered support from the commander? For one thing, the safety officer reports directly to the commander. There should be no “middle man” between the safety officer and the commander. The commander should be briefed regularly on the safety program.

The commander needs to allow sufficient time every month for a safety briefing. (For some great ideas for briefings, go to [www.iawg.cap.gov](http://www.iawg.cap.gov) and follow the safety link. Halfway down the safety you will find the Iowa Wing Safety Book.) Better yet, incorporate a safety message at the start of every meeting and activity along with the monthly briefing. Reciting the safety pledge that CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling wrote is a great start. (If you need a copy, go to [www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/Special\\_Interest/special\\_interest.htm](http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/Special_Interest/special_interest.htm)).

The commander and safety officer should review how the program is progressing every month. An excellent way to track your safety program is by using the Safety Management Book posted online at [www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/](http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/)

[Special\\_Interest/special\\_interest.htm](http://Special_Interest/special_interest.htm). This book not only gives you a place to keep safety information, but you can find examples of letters of appointment, copies of forms required, a checklist for reporting accidents, log sheets for tracking accident and incidents



that need to be made and set a suspense date for completion. Follow up to be sure it is completed.

Invite “outsiders” to present programs on safety topics. FAA accident-prevention counselors can speak about flying safety. Local fire department officials can address fire prevention. If you near a national forest, find the local forest ranger for programs about safety in the woods. Your local law enforcement folks speak about crime prevention. Highway patrol officers are happy to talk to groups about driving safety. Once you start to look around, you see a wide variety of local talent

available to pitch safety.

Become the safety expert and progress in your training in the safety officer specialty track. For your senior rating, the new advanced safety course from AFIADL is 1S051 — Safety Journeyman, 5 Volumes, Revised Oct. 1999.

Talk to your local FAA Flight Standards District Office about becoming an accident prevention counselor. To qualify, all you need is an active interest in promoting flight safety. Work with your commander and other members to develop innovative ideas to promote safety in your unit. Forward those ideas for consideration in the Sights on Safety Program.

There are a large number of references here to Web sites. Like the Web or not, it is here to stay, and it can make your job easier and allow you access to more timely information. If you have not been to the national headquarters safety page lately, take time to look at what is available ([www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/safety1.htm](http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/safety1.htm)).

Safety is something we must practice daily — not just at CAP activities. We have to watch out for each other and point out potential hazards. Be aware of those around you and your environment. As a CAP safety officer, others are counting on you to keep an eye on the big safety picture.

Don't let them down!

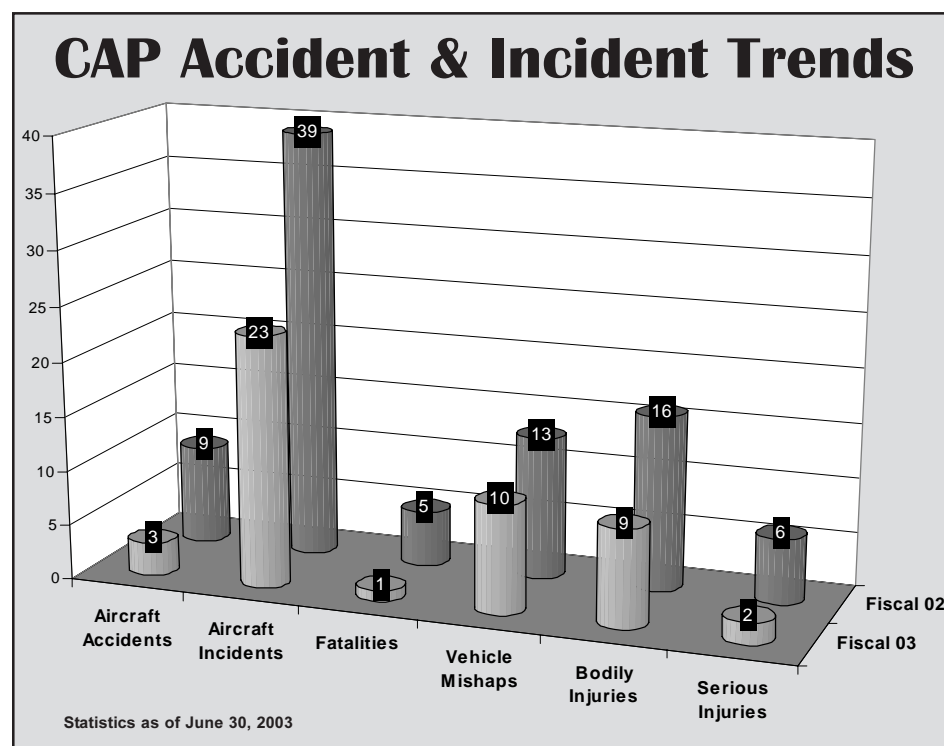
and more. It will make your job easier.

The safety officer should maintain a unit safety bulletin board. Post the latest safety newsletters from CAP National Headquarters (you can download any of the newsletters, from 1996 to present, at [www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/Newsletters/Newletters.htm](http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/Newsletters/Newletters.htm) and posters, ([www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/Posters/Posters.htm](http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/do/dor/Posters/Posters.htm)).

Post the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Aviation Safety Reporting System Callback Newsletter (<http://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/callback.htm>), and any other useful safety information.

Make sure your members know what the CAP Form 26 “Safety Improvement or Hazard Report” is for, where it is located and who to turn it in to once completed. Also brief members on using the Federal Aviation Administration Form 8740-5, “Safety Improvement Report” (in the Safety Management Book). Again, be sure this form is readily available for members to use.

The annual safety survey is to be completed by all units, not just those with a permanent meeting place. If a section of the survey does not apply to your unit, just note that. The owner of the facility you use might be grateful to be notified of potential safety problems. Forward your survey to the next higher echelon. Keep track of corrections



# So what can unit health services officers do to help?

In the April Fit to Serve column, the new direction of Civil Air Patrol Health Services was outlined. The response from members was very enthusiastic. Many of you communicated your suggestions and willingness to help. I am proud to say we have some very talented and qualified personnel in our organization that I hope to tap to develop our program.

Many of the issues brought up are ones that have been concerns of mine, such as handling cadet medications on activities and the need to develop a formal 220 specialty track, which specifies steps for advancement. We are trying to make this a priority and use some of our people to apply their expertise to portions of this project.

Myself, Col. Jim Erickson and Lt. Col. Rick McLaughlin attended the May Aerospace Medicine Association Conference in San Antonio. Approximately 60 percent of the attendees are military flight surgeons and medical personnel, not only from the United States, but other nations as well. Other attendees were university researchers and Federal Aviation Administration aviation medical examiners.

While there, we had the opportunity to be seen in uniform and be recognized as CAP members, and answer questions about our program. We were welcomed by our military brethren and were able to make some good contacts for future networking. The seminars covered everything in aerospace medicine — from designing a proper flight helmet to research on the physiological aspects of space flight. Of particular interest was the research on fatigue and fatigue countermeasures, as well as applying human-factors analysis to accident investigation and prevention. Hopefully we can incorporate some of this into our own program.

So, what can unit health services officers do now? What can you do to help your unit be healthier and safer? In addition to becoming familiar with the current CAP 160-1, 160-2, and 60-5 regulations, the following areas are HSO activities that can be done at the unit level.

## Support of CAP Safety Program

1. Develop an operational fatigue awareness program. Encourage all members to regularly get eight hours of sleep so they will always be prepared for missions. Studies have proven decreased effectiveness and increased mistakes and accidents among sleep-deprived individuals. Be familiar with crew duty day and rest issues per CAP Regulation 60-1.

2. Encourage medically related safety briefings to general members within your area of expertise.

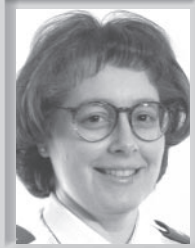
3. Establish a phone contact list and location

of the nearest medical facilities (emergency rooms and “redicare” offices). Include hours of operation and spectrum of care (X-rays, etc.) for each medical facility.

4. Become familiar with CAPR 62-2, “CAP Mishap Reporting and Investigation.” Report illness, injury and blood-borne pathogen exposures and urge those affected members to obtain appropriate follow-up medical care.

## Support cadet program health, safety issues

1. Encourage stretching and warm-ups before physical activity as well as cool-down stretches to



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help prevent injuries.

2. Help ensure that cadets on activities have CAP Form 60 emergency contact information as well as copies of insurance cards and permission to treat letters from parents with them.

3. Those with professional knowledge on drugs and their effects can assist DDR personnel with drug education programs for cadets.

## Increase health of members (prevention)

1. Promote health and wellness of members to decrease accidents/illness.

2. Oversee occupational health issues such as an eye and hearing protection. Members should wear hearing protection when on the flight line and in aircraft. Eye protection is important for flight line and ground team personnel.

3. Encourage a voluntary physical fitness program for senior members. For example, bring in someone to do a Tai Chi demonstration at a unit meeting. Bear in mind senior members have a wide variety of baseline physical capabilities and medical issues. Encourage everyone to do appropriate activity for their level of fitness and medical capabilities. Advise members to check with their own physicians for advice before starting any exercise program.

4. Give short briefings on health topics to your units that are within your area of professional expertise and training.

5. Maintain a unit bulletin board for health education topics.

## Encourage networking

1. Make contact with your group/wing HSO. Give your suggestions for development of spe-

cialty tracks and other HSO concerns.

2. Be sure all health-trained personnel in your squadron are registered.

3. Be sure your commander understands the role and importance of the HSO.

4. Advise your commander on the health and performance of members. This would include such areas as health, fitness, disease and injury prevention and environmental (heat/cold/other hazards) protection of CAP members, especially in flying, emergency services, disaster relief, field exercises, encampments and special activities. Remember your advice should be in writing and only in your area of expertise. If you need additional information from an area outside your expertise, obtain a consultation from another HSO expert in that area.

5. Each wing/region commander should have a health professional on staff. Each unit should have a health professional in a HSO position.

6. Each national, region and wing conference should include a health services program.

## Support of emergency services

1. Become qualified in basic first aid, CPR and blood-borne pathogens.

2. Become certified to teach basic first aid, CPR and blood-borne pathogens classes and hold initial and refresher training for members on a regular basis.

3. Help ensure your unit's ground teams are properly equipped for self-care and rendering emergency first aid, and ensure first-aid equipment is available at meetings and activities.

4. Assist in setting up first-aid simulations at training opportunities.

5. Maintain a supply of medical sundries/equipment to support your unit. Assist in providing necessary health service training materials, supplies, and equipment for unit mission activities, including first aid and blood-borne pathogen/disease prevention kits.

6. Become familiar with environmental hazards in your area such as deer ticks/Lyme protection, mosquito/West Nile virus, venomous snakes, poisonous plants, etc. as well as countermeasures for each. Also become familiar with prevention of heat and cold injuries, and encourage countermeasures including sunscreen use, proper fluids, etc.

7. Examine each upcoming activity for potential for health hazards and develop a plan to train attendees to prevent problems, as well as a response plan for any problems.

8. Learn about critical incident stress and how it may affect your unit's members.

The above list is just a start. Figure how you can apply your own particular area of skills and training to accomplishing CAP's missions in a safe and effective manner. Pass along your ideas to the wing and region levels, so they may be incorporated in the program design.



# CAP names Hawaii Wing's Louis Gabriel cadet of year

**H**e joined CAP at the age of 13 and now, five years later, Cadet Col. Louis R. Gabriel is the 2003 CAP Cadet of the Year.

An aspiring Air Force Thunderbird pilot, Gabriel will enter the U.S. Air Force Academy in the class of 2007, where he will major in military doctrine, operations and strategy. He is the fifth consecutive CAP cadet of the year to earn an academy appointment.

Along with his parents, Capts. Richard and Lily Gabriel, Gabriel is a member of Hawaii's 66th Cadet Squadron. It was the Pacific Region that nominated him for the CAP cadet of the year award.

Gabriel was selected as cadet of the year because of his superior academic record and performance as a leader in CAP.

Read more about Gabriel and the other nominees at [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov). (Click "Cadet Programs" and "Cadet of the Year").

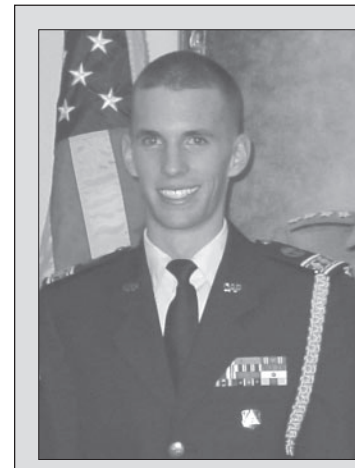
## Spaatz award milestone

CAP's most prestigious cadet honor, the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award, named for the former U.S. Air Force chief of staff and chairman of the CAP National Board, reached a milestone May 22 when CAP National Headquarters awarded Spaatz certificate #1,500 to Delaware's Col. Michael R. Quashne.

The Spaatz award was introduced in 1964 with Spaatz #1 being earned by Michigan's Douglas Roach, who later went on to fly with the Air Force Thunderbirds. To qualify for the award, a cadet must complete all 16 achievements in the CAP Cadet Program, plus pass a rigorous exam consisting of four tests on leadership, aerospace, and physical fitness, and a moral leadership essay.

It is not surprising that CAP is awarding Spaatz #1,500 at this time. In 1990, 26 years after the award's inception, Spaatz #1,000 was awarded. Now, 13 years after that milestone, CAP is presenting #1,500.

For more information about the Spaatz award, visit The Spaatz Association Web site at [www.spaatz.org](http://www.spaatz.org).



## 2003 Cadet of the Year

*"The doors the Cadet Program have opened for me — and for every cadet — are matched only by the efforts of its mentors who will stop at nothing to help you through them."*

Cadet Col. Louis R. Gabriel, Hawaii Wing

## Intern studies, supports IACE

A Spaatz award recipient and soon-to-be commissioned Air Force second lieutenant is completing an internship at national headquarters.

Mike Provencher, who is studying international business and French at Mississippi State University, is interning in the Cadets and Senior Member Professional Development Division. Through Aug. 1, he will be supporting the International Air Cadet Exchange.

Helping manage the IACE program is a perfect match for his educational goals.

"I chose to intern at CAP to gain an international perspective on the Air Force auxiliary," he said.

Mike brings IACE experience of his own, having represented CAP and the United States in France during the 1999 Exchange.

Welcome to the team, Mike!

## National board seminars

Don't miss CAP's National Board and Annual Conference, in Las Vegas Aug. 25-27. For details, visit [www.capnhq.gov](http://www.capnhq.gov) and click on "Conferences."

The following Cadet Program seminars are tentatively scheduled:

### ► Cadet Program: Update 2003

Keep up with the news that affects cadets, commanders and directors of cadet programs. The

corporate team will host a presentation to discuss several new developments in the Cadet Program. If you attend only one cadet programs seminar, make this the one.

### ► Director's Cross-talk: Sharing Successes, Welcoming Innovation

This seminar is a special opportunity to share lessons learned and discuss high-level topics with other volunteers and corporate team staff. Have you found a new method of leading cadets or managing the cadet program? What challenges has your program encountered and how did you overcome them? Topics such as these will be the highlight of this seminar, which is open to wing and region DCPs and national board members.

### ► Cadet Open Forum

This forum is for cadets only, and opens the door for ideas that would make the cadet program better. The National Cadet Advisory Council members will also address what they have been doing to serve you and CAP's 27,000 other cadets? Share your suggestions and concerns with your NCAC representative.

### ► Seniors As Shepherds: How to Influence Cadets Gone Astray

If you lead cadets, perhaps you've noticed that occasionally some of them need a coach or shepherd to redirect them. How should you mentor the disruptive

cadet? What's the best tact when sibling rivalry gets out of hand at CAP? How can you put disrespectful cadets on track toward teamwork and success? Join an educator and a chaplain as they discuss how to be an effective shepherd and cadet mentor and offer tips you can use in your squadron. This seminar is for senior members only.

### ► Using Aerospace To Help You Learn: The Next Step

Many have enjoyed the presentation on learning styles that was offered during previous National Boards. This seminar takes the next step by showing you how to apply the concepts discussed in the earlier presentation. You'll participate in hands-on aerospace activities and see how they illustrate teaching concepts that will help you become a better leader of cadets. This seminar is cosponsored by the aerospace education staff. Attendance at previous years' seminars is not necessary; newcomers are welcome. This seminar is for both cadets and seniors.

### LEADERSHIP & CHARACTER FOR CADETS: Perspectives from Senior Air Force Officers

Duty. Citizenship. Community service. Those concepts mean something different to each of us. What do they mean to senior Air Force officers? Why does their unique perspective matter to cadets aspiring to become leaders? If you're a cadet who has been searching for genuine wisdom on leadership and character, don't miss this opportunity. This seminar is for cadets only.

### ► Leading National Cadet Activities: Seminar for Current & Prospective NCSA Staff

Do you work in an aerospace career field and want to share your experience with cadets from across America? Have you been involved in local cadet activities for a while and now would like to participate in a national event? This seminar is your opportunity to get involved with NCSAs. Current activity directors will meet the NCSA chief and share lessons-learned from previous NCSAs.

### ► Cadets As Commanders:

See **Cadet Programs ...** Page 13



## Bush nominates Myers for second term

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — President George W. Bush has nominated Gen. Richard Myers for a second two-year term as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Myers has served in the position since Oct. 1, 2001. The Senate must confirm the nomination.

He was the vice chairman before becoming chairman.

He was nominated as chairman before Sept. 11, 2001. On the day of the attacks in New York and on the Pentagon, the general was on Capitol Hill meeting with senators in advance of his confirmation hearings.

He rushed back to the Pentagon and manned his station in the National Military Command Center in the aftermath of the attacks.

Myers, who serves as the principal military adviser to the president, the

secretary of defense and the National Security Council, helped plan America's response to the terrorist attacks and then helped plan the coalition attack on al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Myers also provided advice for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld often briefed the press and the American people.

Myers was born in Kansas City, Mo. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1965 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Myers flew more than 600 combat hours in F-4

Phantom IIs over Vietnam. He is a command pilot with more than 4,100 flying hours in the T-33, C-37, C-21, F-15 Eagle and F-16 Fighting Falcon.

He has served at a number of Air Force and joint command posts, including as commander in chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Space Command.

Before assuming that position, he was commander of Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, from July 1997 to July 1998. From November 1993 to June 1996, Myers was commander of U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force at Yokota Air Base, Japan.



**Air Force Chief of Staff  
Gen. Richard Myers**

## Roche receives nomination to become Army secretary

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — President George W. Bush announced his intention to nominate Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche to become the next secretary of the Army.

Roche, who became secretary of the Air Force June 1, 2001, said he is deeply honored, adding that he will work hard to justify the nomination, should Congress approve it.

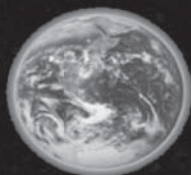
"I am deeply honored that President (George W.) Bush has announced his intention to nominate me as the next secretary of the Army," he said. "Should the nomination proceed to the Senate and should I be confirmed for this position, I will spare no effort to justify the confidence and trust the president and Secretary (of Defense Donald) Rumsfeld have placed in me."

Roche served as corporate vice president and president of the Electric Sensors and Systems Sector of the Northrop Grumman Corporation before moving to the Air Force. He is a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Navy.



**Secretary of the Air Force  
Dr. James G. Roche**

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# AF advisor feedback: Thoughts from a friendly observer

For more than half a century, Civil Air Patrol has served America with an impressive range of emergency services. The Air Force, for its part, is tasked to evaluate its auxiliary's ability to safely perform its many missions. That's the job of CAP-U.S. Air Force — a small cadre of Air Force personnel supported by Air Force Reservists throughout the country.

After several years of observing and grading these annual mission evaluations, I have some thoughts I'd like to share with every CAP member.

## What you're doing is important

CAP is something greater than just a fraternal organization, hobbyists' club or sports team. What sets you apart is the vital role you play in the emergency infrastructure of your country. With a fleet of modern aircraft, a robust communications network and qualified search teams, CAP provides a unique and valuable resource in times of crisis. Your organization's capabilities are special; and they are needed, too!

## Thank-you!

I don't think you hear this often enough, but your service is appreciated — by your Air Force, your state's emergency managers and your country, too. Many people have never heard of CAP; but in an emergency, your neighbors are grateful for your special skills, and your willingness to help. Such as when a family is lost in a light aircraft or a levee breaks and real-time aerial surveys of flooded communities are needed or a hurricane has downed more trees and power lines than can be surveyed via the roads.

## Practice is absolutely essential

Having good intentions, a clean uniform and a "go bag" of gear in your car isn't enough. To be of real use in a crisis, you first have to learn, and

then practice your skills. That's the reason the Air Force sends its fighter pilots to Red Flag; there's just no substitute for realistic practice.

"Train the way you're going to fight!" is the military axiom, and armies that train that way perform better on the battlefield.

When you're practicing, don't announce to an evaluator, "if this were real, what I'd really do is...". This is the

time to actually try what you say you'd do. Find out if your plan will work and discover what you've overlooked (such as locked gates, no spare batteries, out of date phone numbers, etc.). In other words, it's a chance to "walk the walk", not just "talk the talk."

## It's not about finding something ...

Finding a simulated "wreck" is satisfying, but actually proves very little. After all, even a blind dog gets a bone once in a while. Deciding where and how to search, while accounting for the special challenges of terrain, weather and searchers' experience is a more important skill to exercise. Your evaluators are also looking for safety awareness, computing probability of detection, keeping track of your assets, and testing your interface with local and state authorities.

Don't get too hung up on grades — evals are just simulations with a higher level of scrutiny and feedback. And the opportunity to make mistakes in a training environment (when a mistake won't make a difference between life and death) is one of the most valuable things about simulations. Which one of us hasn't learned more about something by a screw-up (for example, by

driving too fast for the road conditions, not preparing for a mid-term exam, forgetting sunscreen at the beach ... ) than by a thousand perfect repetitions? While practice might make perfect, it won't do so right away.

You're getting more out of this than you may think. You may fly a grid search, man a radio or hone your direction-finding skills on a ground

team at your next eval. But the benefits of your participation aren't necessarily listed on your CAP 101 Card. In offering your time and your energy, you'll be unconsciously learning lessons in problem solving, developing leadership skills, and —

perhaps most important of all — practicing teamwork. In short, when you volunteer to help your community, you're investing in something bigger than yourself.

And what you'll gain from that, I believe, is beyond anyone's ability to evaluate.

*Editor's note: Lt. Col. Stephen Kelly Robison is the Reserve coordinator for the Massachusetts Wing. He was a CAP cadet in the early '70s, and later a senior member. In 1980, he enlisted in the Air Force Reserve as a medic before attending Air Force Officer Training School and pilot training. In addition to flying Cessnas, he has flown the CT-39 Sabreliner, C-21A Learjet and C-130 Hercules, both on active duty and for the West Virginia Air National Guard. In civilian life, he has commanded MD-80s and 737-800s for a major airline out of Boston. He has been advising CAP for the Air Force Reserve since 1996, in Maryland, the National Capital Wing, New Hampshire and, most recently, Massachusetts.*

## COMMENTARY

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## Cadet Programs ... from Page 11

### How to Meet the Challenge

What leadership traits does a cadet need to be a good cadet commander? How do you cope with the special environment of being a "commander" of classmates and friends? What's the best way to develop a positive relationship with seniors? Listen and ask questions as a panel of former cadet commanders discuss the timeless challenges of cadet command.

#### ► DDR 101

This primer will introduce CAP members to the Drug Demand

Reduction program. Come see how to gain support for cadets and promote a positive, drug-free life-style.

#### ► Drug Demand Reduction Update: 2004 and Beyond

Keep up with changes that affect cadets, senior members and especially the Drug Demand Reduction Coordinators and Drug Demand Reduction Administrators. CAP Pamphlet 55 has been totally revised. Funding requests and status reporting have been significantly changed. Find out how these changes will affect you.

#### ► Fatal Vision

Do you want to find out what the effects of a couple of drinks or more would have on your abilities to perform task? Try this out without having to drink the alcohol. Fatal Vision is a program designed to show students and young adults how it feels to be impaired both mentally and physically. It is also designed to take the mystery and allurements away from drugs and alcohol that are often the reason why adolescents experiment with these substances.

#### ► What Is Your Drug IQ?

Availability and popularity of drugs and other substances change with supply and demand. Partici-

pants will learn about the drugs, which are currently popular among today's youth, their effects, and how they can be recognized. The dangers of alcohol, marijuana, inhalants, LSD, cocaine, heroin and designer drugs will be discussed. An exhibit of real and synthetic substances and paraphernalia will be displayed.

#### ► Middle School Initiative: Panel Discussion

Learn about MSI from those who are deeply involved in running their own programs. Find out what works and what may not work. If you are thinking about doing something in this area, this is the seminar to attend.



## ■ Former MD Wing cadet

# F-15 Strike Eagle WSO talks combat from Iraq

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (AFP) — Maybe more than any other aircraft in the coalition inventory, the F-15E Strike Eagle used new tactics in combat to neutralize enemy forces and provide ground troops with air support.

Strike Eagle aircrew often took off on missions not knowing their specific targets or their coordinates. But they did know their mission: to take out key enemy military infrastructure and also provide critical close-air support against enemy troop concentrations on the ground.

1st Lt. Julie Ayres, a 336th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron weapons system officer, deployed to an air base in Southwest Asia supporting combat operations.

Arriving as an aviator with less than two years in the back seat of the F-15E, Ayres now has as much or more combat experience than 50 percent of Strike Eagle navigators. However, being a junior officer and being a woman has not overwhelmed Ayres.

"When I think about my personal contribution, it's really a drop in the bucket," she said. "Compared to the overall number of sorties flown every hour of every day of every week, my contribution was small. Being so young, I'm just glad I got the opportunity to be a part of this."

While she takes pride in being a role model for women, that has no bearing on her responsibilities or performance when flying.

"I don't ever think about it when I'm flying," said Ayres. "(Women) get treated exactly the same in the jet. There are certain tasks for the pilot to do and certain

tasks for the WSO to do, and they are not gender-specific. When the pilot needs you, he doesn't have time to think about whether or not you're a woman."

Ayres said flying was constant during the weeks of the air war and just seeing the amount of firepower out on the ramp was incredible.

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing was comprised of more than 180 combat aircraft and the F-15Es made up almost a quarter of that.

The wing aircraft dropped 3.2 million pounds of bombs, and with current calculations, would be responsible for destroying 60 percent of the Republican Guard.

"Sometimes we would go to pre-brief and receive imagery and (intelligence reports) on targets — especially in the beginning — but a lot of times, our mission was to fly in support of coalition troops on the ground and look for targets of opportunity while we're up there."

But almost always, the planes came back home without their bombs, she said. The biggest difference about flying combat sorties during OIF as opposed to patrolling the Iraqi no-fly zone in Operation Southern Watch, was the massive amount of air power in the skies those first few nights, she said.

"I definitely had some butterflies stepping to my jet after our brief for our first mission," said Ayres.

Ayres said she realized this was "really big," was when she first flew over Baghdad and loitered in a very busy airspace, over enemy targets, multiple times.

"We had to make a couple laps over Baghdad and eventually circle around



Air Force 1st Lt. Julie Ayres, a 336th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron weapons system officer and former Maryland Wing cadet, arrived in Southwest Asia with less than two years in the back seat of the F-15E Strike Eagle. Operation Iraqi Freedom has given her valuable experience. Her father, Lt. Col. Robert Ayres, is a CAP member with the Middle East Region Headquarters.

back over the target — and that makes it a little bit easier for the enemy to target you," she said.

A main focus during operations was to avoid civilian facilities and leave the country mostly intact so it would not have to be com-

pletely rebuilt.

The aircrew flying the missions were largely responsible for determining collateral-damage estimates and many times, the decision whether or not to bomb was up to them, Ayres said.

"We were trying to leave

as much of the Iraqi infrastructure in place as we could," she said. "At the same time, we were really able to soften up the movable army, and I feel like our squadron was largely responsible for saving a lot of American and coalition lives."

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If you have a family member or friend you would like to see immortalized on the Wall, please call 202-633-2606, visit [www.nasm.si.edu/wallofhonor](http://www.nasm.si.edu/wallofhonor) or e-mail us at [wallofhonor@nasm.si.edu](mailto:wallofhonor@nasm.si.edu).







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### Sunday, 24 August

Registration Open  
1000-1800  
National Executive Committee Mtg  
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### Monday, 25 August

National Board Business meeting  
0800-1700  
Opening Reception  
1800-1930

### Tuesday, 26 August

General Assembly  
0800-1000  
Educational Seminars  
1030-1700  
First-Time attendee reception  
1800-1900

### Wednesday, 27 August

CAP Recognition Ceremony  
Guest speaker: Rod Machado  
0800-1000  
Educational Seminars  
1030-1700  
National Commander's Reception  
1800-1845  
Civil Air Patrol Banquet  
1900-2230

## Speaker Highlights

### Rod Machado Guest Speaker & Seminar Presenter

Captured in his youth by the romance and adventure of flight in a Taylorcraft L-2 at Amelia Reid Aviation in San Jose, Rod Machado has remained hooked ever since. In fact, he is one of the few airline-transport-rated pilots who still gets excited by a Cessna 150 fly-by (which he claims he likes because it lasts so much longer than the Mooney, Bonanza and Malibu fly-by).

Rod is a professional speaker who travels across the United States and



Europe delighting his listeners with upbeat and lively presentations. His unusual talent for simplifying the difficult and adding humor to make the lessons stick has made him a popular lecturer both

in and out of aviation. Rod's presentations include topics as diverse as Risk Assessment, Defensive Flying and Handling In-flight Emergencies. His non-aviation topics include: Safety Awareness programs, Humor as a Communication Tool and The Lost Art of Thinking. Additionally, he is known for his rapid fire, humorous banquet presentations.

Rod has more than 30 years experience in aviation and more than 8,000 hours of flight time earned the hard way — one CFI hour at a time. Since 1977 he has taught hundreds of flight instructor revalidation clinics and safety seminars and he was named the 1991 Western Region Flight Instructor of the Year. Rod holds all fixed-wing (powered) flight instructor ratings as well as an airline transport pilot license. He's flown as a corporate pilot and has been a flight instructor for over 27 years.

For six years, Rod wrote and coanchored ABC's *Wide World of Flying*. He is AOPA's National CFI spokesman and a National Accident Prevention Counselor appointed by the FAA in Washington, D. C. Rod is the flight instructor voice on Microsoft's Flight Simulator 2000 and he wrote the flight lesson tutorials for the textbook that accompanies the software. He is also an instructor on Cessna's Computer-Based Private Pilot CD-ROM and the author of two books, four videos and two audio tape cassette albums. You can read his monthly column in *AOPA Pilot* magazine as well as in *Flight Training* magazine.

## Grand Opportunities

### First-time CAP senior attendees reception!

This year, there will be a reception Tuesday evening for all first-time CAP



senior attendees.

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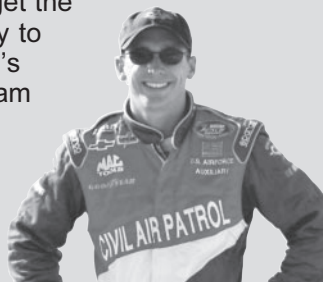


### Come out and meet CAP's NASCAR race-car driver!

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Ashton Lewis Jr., driver of CAP's Busch Series

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## IG Training Course

A two-day IG Senior Level Training Course (academic requirement for the senior level of the IG specialty track) will be held on Aug. 23-24 at the same hotel as the national board.

The course is open to all, with priority placement to sitting IGs and wing/region commanders. Details can be found on the CAP Web site at [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov). (Go to "CAP IG," then "IG Education/Training.")



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*Congratulations to all awardees & retirees*



## Coast to Coast

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## Reporting the achievements of CAP members

### NORTH-EAST REGION

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COL. RICHARD A. GREENHUT

CONNECTICUT ★ MAINE  
MASSACHUSETTS ★ NEW  
HAMPSHIRE ★ NEW JERSEY  
NEW YORK ★ PENNSYLVANIA  
RHODE ISLAND ★ VERMONT

**NORTHEAST REGION —**  
Drill and color guard teams participated in the Northeast Region Cadet Competition at the Newport Naval Preparatory School in Newport, R.I.

Under the supervision of Lt. Col. Roysetta Bruner, Northeast Region cadet programs director, and Col. Fred Camenzind, Northeast Region vice commander, the competition was comprised of drill teams from New York, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, and color guard teams from Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts.

In the drill team competition, the New York "Demons," 2002 National Champions, took top honors. Under the command of Cadet 2nd Lt. Andrew Scalzo, they placed first in the in-ranks inspection, innovative drill, standard drill, volleyball tournament and cadet quiz written examination.

Judging the drill team competition were Air Force Tech. Sgt. Brian Simeone, New Jersey Wing Liason Office Deputy State Director Mike Huelsenback and Northeast Region Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications Lt. Col. Gene Pfeiffer.

Other drill team awards presented were:

→ Male fleet foot award — 1st Lt. Robert Durling, New Hampshire, (4:56);

→ Female fleet foot award — Airman Yvonne Greco, New York, (5:28);

→ Outstanding team commander award — Maj. Alexander Kaszynski, New Hampshire;

→ Highest score on the written examination —



**Maine Governor John E. Baldacci signs an Embrace Space poster in support of the Maine Wing's involvement in the Student Signatures in Space® program. The governor also signed a proclamation making the week of April 20th CAP Week in Maine.**

Alexander Roszbach, New York; and

→ Team spirit award — New Hampshire.

In the color guard competition, Pennsylvania took first place in the written examination and the indoor practical. Under the command of Cadet Master Sgt. Thomas Stern, the team members were: Master Sgt. Sean McIntyre; Staff Sgt. Scott Schneider; Senior Airman Derek Nitzenberger and Airman Jehon Bendokas. Maj. Anne Gibbons and William Gibbons were the team's escorts. Judging the color guard competition was Northeast Region Liaison Office Commander Air Force Lt. Col. Douglas Goodlin, Col. Lloyd Sturges, Northeast Region and Lt. Col. John A. O'Grady, Northeast Region.

Other color guard awards presented included:

→ Male fleet-foot award — Master Sgt. Nathaniel McCray, Maine, (5:33);

→ Female fleet-foot award — Airman 1st Class Megan Divito, New Hampshire, (6:40);

→ Outstanding team commander — Master Sgt. Nathaniel McCray, Maine; and

→ Team spirit award — Pennsylvania.

*Lt. Col. Constance M. O'Grady*

**MAINE —** Maine's governor proclaimed the week of April 20th as CAP Week in the state of Maine.

Kryzak, wing deputy aerospace officer, told Baldacci that when his poster returns from space, he would receive it for display in his office.

In informal remarks, the governor noted his longtime support of CAP — from his office as a congressman from Maine's second district to his position as governor. He also took time to greet each individual present just prior to the signing of the proclamation. The short ceremony was followed by a photo session on the main staircase of the state capitol building.

*Capt. Jeffrey Weinstein*

**MAINE —** Twelve senior members of one of Maine's squadrons provided security and crowd control during a public viewing of a specialized weather aircraft at the Portland Jetport, Portland, Maine.

The Cumberland County Composite Squadron participants were processed and trained for airport security clearance in order to assist both Portland Jetport and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the public display of NOAA's "hurricane hunter" aircraft, the Lockheed WP-3D Orion.

Upon arrival, visitors attended a short presentation in the hangar and then were escorted to the aircraft for an on-board tour. Later, the CAP security crew and several visiting cadets became the guests of Jetport and NOAA for an exclusive tour of the aircraft.

Participating seniors included: Maj. Max Calderwood, Chris Hayden and Scott Higgins; Capt. Jon Vendola, Michele Bourk and Don Godfrey; 2nd Lts. Erica Crossman and Bob Baker; and 1st Lts. Mark Libbey, Marc Brunelle and Rick Machado.

*Maj. Chris Hayden*

**MASSACHUSETTS —** Members of the Essex County, Hanscom and Cape Cod Composite squadrons attended a performance of the U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note Jazz Band.

The premiere military jazz band played many well-known favorites, and CAP was recognized during the performance for its patriotic support and services to the community.

Surrounded by an entourage of CAP cadets and seniors, Governor John E. Baldacci signed the proclamation at his office in the state house.

Baldacci read aloud and signed a proclamation that recognized CAP for its contribution to the welfare of the state of Maine, as well as to homeland security during World War II. In particular, the proclamation recognizes the wing's 503 volunteer members who dedicate many days each month to provide search and rescue, homeland security mission capabilities, aerospace education, and an air cadet program that fosters leadership, good citizenship and strong moral values for the youth of Maine.

Baldacci especially chose this year to recognize CAP because they, as well as other aviation organizations, will be celebrating the centennial anniversary of flight. The governor urged all Maine citizens to recognize CAP volunteers' contributions and sacrifices that benefit the community, state and nation.

The governor also signed an "Embrace Space" poster, which is part of NASA and Lockheed Martin Corporation's Student Signatures in Space® (S3) Program. The NASA space shuttles will take these student-signed S3 posters into space in the fall and return them to the originating signers. Capt. Ted

John Doherty, a former U.S. Army Special Forces captain who served in Vietnam, brought this concert to the Collins Center for the Performing Arts in Andover, Mass.

Attending members were: Senior members Maj. Antoinette Fischer, Capt. John Flaherty, 2nd Lts. Michael Giarratano and Ann Flaherty; and cadets Lt. Col. Victoria Britton, Mary Mitchell, Danielle Caron, Richard Casaletto, Crystal Casaletto, Heather Casaletto, Garrick Casaletto and Michael Casaletto.

*Cadet Lt. Col. Victoria E. Britton*

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** — Approximately 57 cadets and 19 seniors attended New Hampshire Wing's model rocketry competition at the New Hampshire Technical College campus in Concord, N.H.

Wing commander Col. Margie L. Sambold and wing aerospace education officer Maj. Wayne Perrin each launched a rocket to kick off the competition.

The first event was the firing of Quark rockets. Although these small rockets tested the eyesight of seniors and cadets alike, Maj. Kevin Madore, range guard/launch officer, found them all. The Hawk Composite Squadron came closest to the target at a scant 39 feet, 10 inches away.

In the second competition, two rockets were fired simultaneously for a drag race. Monadnock Composite Squadron was the single victor out of 20 races, determined by speed.

The final event was the Gemini rocket competition, based on height. The three altitude-tracking stations identified Hooksett Composite Squadron as the champion.

After Sambold passed out the awards, approximately 20 more individual launches were made by cadets and senior members.

*Maj. Penny H. Hardy*

**NEW JERSEY** — Kraft Foods recently honored Group 221's management information systems officer, 1st Lt. Helen MacDowell, of the Picatinny Composite Squadron for her generous contributions to the squadron.

Last year, the squadron needed money for building renovations, member uniforms and first aid training. MacDowell helped the squadron through a personal donation, encouraged others to donate, and secured a two-for-one match through Altria's matching gifts program.

She became involved with CAP in 1999 due to her son's interest in the military and

aviation. In addition to studying for a bachelor of science degree in chemistry, MacDowell volunteers as the Picatinny squadron's finance officer.

*Maj. Lisa Van Clief*

**NEW YORK** — More than 80 cadets and senior members from the Long Island and New York City area participated in working security for the Long Island Marathon at the Suffolk County Community College in Selden, N.Y.

Under the leadership of Suffolk Cadet Squadron, cadets rotated posts during the night to monitor for vandalism and trespassers. During the race itself, cadets set up the water stations and monitored the perimeter to help with any medical emergencies. Cadets and seniors also ran a recruiting and information booth.

*1st Lt. Christopher M. Collora*

**NEW YORK** — The New York Wing Drill Team from the Rochester Composite Squadron came home with a first-place finish in the Northeast Region Cadet Competition, held at the Naval Preparatory School in Newport, R.I.

Formed in 2000, the Rochester Composite Squadron Drill Team spent hundreds of hours practicing. Last year, in only their second year of competition, the drill team won the 2002 National Cadet Competition. After losing a number of their members to graduations and other commitments, 10 new members joined the team last fall. The 17 members, including Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Andrew Scalzo, team commander, are looking forward to competing against the other regional winners during the 2003 National Cadet Competition, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in Dayton, Ohio.

The team took first place honors in five of the seven categories, and a second and third place in two others. Cadet 1st Lt. Alex Rossbach brought home the trophy for the highest test score in the written exam, while first-year member Airman Yvonne Greco won the female fleet-foot award for the fastest female mile-run time.

The 16 cadet members who competed are: Capt. Katie Wieczorek; 2nd Lts. Alex Rossbach, Justin McGory and Matthew Sanford; Chief Master Sgts. Andrew Scalzo, team commander, and Erik Johnson; Master Sgts. Brad Knight and Brian Woodlock; Tech. Sgts. Aaron Miller and Alex Kaminski; Airman 1st Class Brian Kenyon, David Ziegler, Marissa Weselak

and Matthew Gaber; and Airmen Caleb Irwin and Yvonne Greco.

Capt. Stephen Mayer and Capt. Andrew Welsh were the senior advisors, and 1st Lt. Bruce Knight and Sr. Mbr. Linda Johnson were co-advisors.

*2nd Lt. Janet Nugent*

**PENNSYLVANIA** — Five cadets had a unique opportunity to assist members of the New Jersey National Guard at their annual convention in Wildwood, N.J.

Col. William J. Walsh, New Jersey ANG's director of information management systems, invited the cadets to participate in the convention, which proved to be a win-win situation for both CAP and ANG.

Doyleston Composite Squadron Cadets 2nd Lt. Bill Walker, Tech. Sgts. Steven Fedor and Luke Wright, and Cadet Airmen Mike Abbott and John McCurdy assisted with registration, and manned the command post and welcome stations at two hotels. The cadets provided valuable assistance to many active and retired members of the New Jersey Army National Guard, including Brig. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the 30th adjutant general of the state of New Jersey. Fedor, Abbott and McCurdy also assisted the guardsmen with the flag ceremonies, who were very complimentary regarding the cadets' military bearing and ability to participate in the ceremonies on short notice.

The senior CAP leader responsible for getting approval, organizing the cadets and obtaining their transportation was 2nd Lt. Joann M. Cookman, squadron public affairs officer. Squadron members have been invited to help out again next year at the ANG convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

*2nd Lt. Joann M. Cookman*

## MIDDLE EAST REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. CHARLES S. GLASS

DELAWARE ★ MARYLAND  
NATIONAL CAPITAL ★ NORTH  
CAROLINA ★ SOUTH CAROLINA  
VIRGINIA ★ WEST VIRGINIA

**MER** — Squadron members of the Maryland and National Capitol wings provided support for a military medical showcase

and Civil War reenactment.

Andrews Composite (Maryland) and Mount Vernon Composite (National Capitol) squadrons responded to a request by the 89th Medical Group to assist in the event, held at the historical mansion, His Lordship's Kindness, in Clinton, Md.

The members provided crowd control, directed visitor parking and maintained traffic on the one-way dirt road that led onto the property. Despite rainy conditions, they also camped out, providing nighttime security for event personnel and equipment.

"They spent a wet Friday and Saturday night camped on site, but morale was sky-high," said Col. Suellyn Novak, 89th Medical Support Group.

Cadets also assisted with carrying "patients" on stretchers from the battlefield to medical facilities that ranged from the Revolutionary War era to a modern UH-60 medivac helicopter, compliments of the 1st Helicopter Squadron. Two cadets were even asked to dress up and participate in a Civil War battle reenactment. Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Jaime Terry "fought" for the Union, while Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Hack was "wounded" in action and taken to one of the simulated hospital tents.

Some members also excelled at a strategic war game that depicted historical miniatures of Confederate and Union soldiers on a 10x20-foot Gettysburg battlefield.

There were 14 people from the Andrews squadron and three from Mount Vernon squadron who participated in this event. They were:

Senior members - Maj. Ed Arias and Sharon McCracken, Capt. Paul Cianciolo, and Sr. Mbr. Noam Morgenstern; and Cadets - 2nd Lt. Stephen Ballard; Chief Master Sgts. Bruce Hack, Jaime Terry and Jesse Terry; Senior Master Sgts. Josh Sullivan, Anna Andrews and Ronald Smith; Master Sgts. David Zager and Ira Thompson; Airman 1st Class Diana Andrews and Jerrell Koger; Airman Ryan Panger; and Airman Basic Steven Davis.

*Capt. Paul Cianciolo*

**MARYLAND** — Maryland's Frederick Composite Squadron mourned the loss of its commander.

Capt. Homer R. Coren Jr. was laid to rest May 6 in the cemetery of St. John's Lutheran Church in Creagerstown, Md.

The Army National Guard and members of CAP's Mary-

land Wing Honor Guard and Frederick Composite Squadron buried Coren with full military honors.

The pall bearers were CAP Sr. Mbr. James Higgins, cadets Bryan Crosson, Tim Baker, Alex Warley and Javier Franco, and Army National Guard Private 1st Class Jonathan Summers - Coren's grandson.

**MARYLAND** — A Maryland wing cadet was named cadet commander for National Blue Beret, which is held during the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual fly-in at Oshkosh, Wis.

Maj. Tori Kyler Steinmeier, Maryland Wing's director of cadet programs, announced that Cadet Lt. Col. Michael A. Crockett of Gaithersburg, Md., will be the cadet commander.



**Cadet Lt. Col. Michael A. Crockett**

The air show allows selected senior members and cadets over the age of 16 to work in several areas, including the flight line, exhibits and crowd control. Training includes techniques of aircraft marshaling and electronic direction finding.

Crockett is the Maryland Wing's administrative officer, responsible for processing awards, maintaining regulations and providing information to members. He also serves as Group IV's emergency services officer. Crockett is a member of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Composite Squadron, under squadron commander Lt. Col. John Weiser. Also, he served as the squadron's cadet commander from June 2000 to June 2001.

"When I visited Oshkosh with my dad in 1996, I saw the professionalism of the cadets," Crockett said. "That was when I knew I wanted to attend Blue Beret - to be the one picked, out of 27,000 cadets nationwide, to lead the hundred-some cadets that comprise a large part of the workforce for the world's largest fly-in."

A member since 1996, Crockett is active in emergency services as a qualified ground team leader, mission radio operator, mission scanner and ground branch director - one of a handful of cadets nationwide to earn this rating. He is also a qualified emergency services instructor/evaluator.



He has received the Commander's Commendation Award (with three bronze clasps), Lifesaving Award, Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award, U.S. Air Force Association award to outstanding CAP cadets, Find Ribbon (with one bronze clasp), CAP Air Search and Rescue Ribbon (with four bronze clasps), and awarded the master-level ground team badge.

Crockett, 19, is one of only seven cadets in the Maryland wing to have achieved the rank of cadet lieutenant colonel. He is the third cadet from Maryland to be selected as cadet commander of National Blue Beret since 1995.

Crockett graduated from Quince Orchard High School, in Gaithersburg, Md., in 2001, and is entering his second year at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Md.

The Experimental Aircraft Association's fly-in is scheduled for July 23 through Aug. 5, with an expected audience of hundreds of thousands.

For more information on the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual fly-ins, see <http://www.eaa.org>, and for National Blue Beret, visit <http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/cp/cps/NBB/nbb.html>.

*Sr. Mbr. Steven Solomon*

MARYLAND — Twelve wing members met at Lee Airport in Annapolis and completed a ground team-member and urban direction-finding team ground school, hosted by the Annapolis Composite Squadron.

Capt. John Long of Gambrills, squadron operations officer, said the mandatory four-hour classroom training was a success.

Lt. Col. Kevin Redman, wing operations officer, was an instructor. Group 5's Maj. Tom Troxel and Cadet 2nd Lt. Timothy Rostkowski of Towson Composite Squadron assisted with the training.

Maryland Wing graduates included:

Annapolis Composite Squadron — Senior members Lt. Cols. Lorraine Smith and John Sullivan, Maj. Gerri Harlow, Capt. John Long, Sr. Mbr. Alan Colegrove, and Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Chris Butler;

Towson Composite Squadron — Senior members Capt. Chris Howell and 2nd Lt. Robert Goodman, and cadets Senior Staff Sgt. Jacob Bush, Senior Airman Jamie Eckenrode, and Airman Basic Steven Bond; and

Fort McHenry Composite Squadron — 1st Lt. Steven Barth.

*Sr. Mbr. Steven Solomon*  
MARYLAND — A Glenn L. Martin Composite Squadron cadet pilot passed his multi-engine check ride, planning his future as an airline transport pilot.

"After I went for my first airplane ride, this became a love. After I was able to take the controls and do some real flying, it became an addiction," says Capt. Patrick "Pat" Smith. "Ever since that day, when I was 10 years old, I knew I would become a pilot."

Smith, of Monkton, Md., graduated from the Maryland Wing Solo School in 2001, and received a wing scholarship toward his private pilot license, which he received last September. Bob Gawler is the CAP check pilot and Federal Aviation Administration designated examiner who passed Smith on his multi-engine check ride.

Maj. Pete Loewenheim, who was Smith's flight instructor at the solo academy, is the one who "signed him off," handing over the airplane keys for the cadet's first solo.

"When he began flying, he had not yet learned to drive a car. Now he has reached a skill level to which many seasoned pilots aspire, with 160 hours in his log book," said Loewenheim.

When not flying a Cessna 172, Cessna 172SP, Piper PA-34-200-T or Piper PA-44-180, 18-year-old Smith is a part-time aircraft scheduler at Brett Aviation Flight School in Middle River, Md.

Smith joined CAP in 1998 and has been a cadet captain since May 2002. He serves as cadet commander of his squadron, and has served as training operations commander, aerospace education officer and flight commander. He has also been a member of the Maryland Wing Drill Team since 1999.

As a cadet, Smith received the Middle East Region Drill Team Competition written exam high score in 2001, his squadron's cadet academic award in 2000 and cadet of the year in 1999. In addition to attending Maryland Wing's solo school, Smith attended MER Leadership Academy in 2000, an encampment and flight academy in 1999, and continues to receive ongoing search and rescue training.

Smith is a member of the Class of 2003 at Hereford High School in Parkton, Md., where he has achieved honor roll and faculty merit status. He has also held class office and was listed in "Who's Who Among American Students 2001."

Smith's interests are many,

including trombone, badminton, track, indoor soccer, remote-controlled model airplanes, and producing video and sound mixing for weddings. He has also volunteered with the American Red Cross Blood Services, Ancient Order of Hibernians Irish Festival, St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser, and Kennedy-Krieger Children's Center Festival of Trees, and was a Camp Invention junior counselor in the summer of 1998.

*Sr. Mbr. Steven Solomon*

MARYLAND — Capt. Richard Palace of Frederick, Md., has been named commander of the Frederick Composite Squadron.

Palace has served as the squadron's deputy commander for cadets since 2001 and currently serves as the squadron's aerospace education officer.

He has completed level III of the senior training program, the unit commander course, corporate learning course, and squadron leadership school. He has earned the Cadet Programs senior badge, Aerospace Education technician badge, Unit Citation Award, Grover Loening Aerospace Award, Leadership Award with bronze star and one bronze clasp, Membership Award, and Red Service Ribbon.

According to Lt. Col. John Knowles, Group IV commander, Palace's former Air Force experience will benefit his squadron. Palace served 14 years active duty as an air traffic control watch supervisor and data systems specialist at U.S. Air Force bases in Oklahoma, California, Delaware and the United Kingdom.

During his service, Palace received many Air Force awards and decorations, including the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star.

While in the Air Force, Palace also completed the NCO Academy in 1987, NCO Leadership School in 1986 and Supervisors Development Course in 1983.

Palace earned a master's degree in computer information systems in 1991 from Webster University in St. Louis, a bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics in 1986 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Bunnell, Fla. and an associate's degree in air traffic control in 1985 from the Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base,

Ala.

Palace, 48, is a senior systems engineer at Boeing in McLean, Va., with more than 30 years' experience in air traffic control operations, and systems analysis, design and development. He is also a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and Air Traffic Control Association.

He has been married 23 years to the former Kathleen A. Trainor of Rockville, Md., who is a first lieutenant, mission scanner and leadership officer in CAP. His children were former CAP cadets - Tech. Sgt. Christine and Senior Airman Christopher Palace.

*2nd Lt. Steven Solomon*

NORTH CAROLINA — A member of North Carolina Wing's Fayetteville Composite Squadron graduated from the U.S. Air Force Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air

Force Base, in Montgomery, Ala., in June 2003.

Maj. Jayson A. Altieri, a 24-year veteran of CAP, was one of 44 U.S. Army officers selected to attend this prestigious



**Maj. Jayson A. Altieri**

Air Force program.

The Air Command and Staff College trains majors and lieutenant colonels to plan, prepare and execute military operations and campaigns. Students study national foreign policy issues, the nature of war, and air and space doctrine. This yearlong course awards graduates with a master's degree in military operational arts and science.

Altieri's previous CAP assignments included tours with the Alabama, North Carolina, Kentucky, Vermont and Virginia wings, as well as an overseas squadron in Panama. He is a rated CAP senior pilot with more than 1,700 flight hours.

His Army career includes tours with the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions, as well as assignments in Canada, Ecuador, Korea and the Panama Canal Zone. He is a 1989 graduate of Norwich University's Military College of Vermont. His next assignment is with the Air Force's School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, at Maxwell AFB.

*1st Lt. Shelle Altieri*

NORTH CAROLINA — Group VII's Coastal Patrol Base

21 participated in the 2003 Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Air Show.

The invitation by Maj. Gen. Robert Flanagan, commanding general of MCAS East, to be a part of the static display was an honor and a perfect opportunity to promote CAP.

Despite the overcast, windy and very cool conditions, three members - Maj. Fred Eldredge and Capt. Linda Eldredge and Peter Hantleman - logged more than 65 hours on site, explaining the aspects and opportunities of CAP. Hundreds of visitors were able to view the corporate aircraft and van, as well as visit the table display area, manned by the Cunningham Composite Squadron.

*Capt. Linda Eldredge*

SOUTH CAROLINA — CAP National Headquarters requested a South Carolina squadron honor guard to perform at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C.

Members of the York County Composite Squadron of Rock Hill, S.C., fulfilled this last-minute request in spite of a lack of equipment and time.

Members quickly assembled a four-man honor guard and rushed to borrow equipment from a neighboring squadron. It was a race against time for the newly rallied team as they practiced immediately after school until well into the night for their scheduled appearance the next evening.

The four-man team presented the colors for more than 100,000 people during the national anthem. Cadet Capt. Scott Carlan commanded the honor guard, while Cadet 1st Lt. Everett Hite carried the North Carolina state flag. Both members were guarded by Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Carl Rogers and Cadet Airman 1st Class Carrie Hanlon.

Impressed with members' reliability, superb execution and professionalism, speedway officials requested the new honor guard to appear for future races.

*Cadet Airman Basic  
Veronica Carlan*

NORTH CAROLINA — A local television station interviewed members of the North Carolina Wing regarding CAP and its homeland security mission.

Reporter Brian DeRoy and news photographer Nathan Monroe from WRAL-TV Channel 5, Raleigh, N.C., spent four hours with the members of the wing to learn about CAP and observing an aircrew in action.



Image courtesy of WRAL-TV News, Raleigh, N.C.

**North Carolina Wing Director of Emergency Services Maj. Norm Wisniewski answers a reporter's question about CAP's homeland security mission for WRAL-TV in Raleigh, N.C.**

North Carolina Wing Director of Emergency Services Maj. Norm Wisniewski provided a brief history of CAP and an overview of its homeland security mission. He also discussed aircraft resources used in search and rescue, disaster relief and general aerial surveillance.

North Carolina State Legislative Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Aaron Harper discussed the cost effectiveness of deploying CAP volunteer resources for search and rescue and disaster relief missions instead of local, state or federal law enforcement. He described the support role the members played in New York City after Sept. 11 and in Utah at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The WRAL-TV team also observed the N737VA aircraft in operation at Raleigh-Durham Airport — the home base of the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron. Maj. Al Therriault, Group 5 commander, summarized the safety procedures observed by an aircrew before, during and after missions. Capt. Jesse Collum and 2nd Lt. Manwell Patillo demonstrated pre-flight procedures and airport operations on a typical aircraft mission.

Video of the interview is available online at <http://www.nc-cap.org/nc048/homelandsecurity/homelandsecurity.html>

1st Lt. Conrad F. D'Cruz

VIRGINIA — Three cadets from the Virginia Wing's Leesburg Composite Squadron received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.

Lt. Col. Jim Truxel, Virginia Wing Group 3 commander, and Air Force Col. Guy Gardner, former astronaut and shuttle pilot, presented the awards to 2nd Lts. Geoffrey Becker, Chris White and Marisa Yarmie.

1st Lt. John J. White, deputy cadet commander, welcomed the gathering of 60 attendees at the Lockheed-Martin Management Systems Division in Chantilly, Va. After the invocation by Becker, the squadron's moral leadership officer, Gardner gave the keynote address, which included video scenes from his two shuttle missions and a discussion about weightlessly carrying out daily functions in space.

1st Lt. Richard Ellis

VIRGINIA — Six Cadets from the Danville Composite Squadron had the rare opportunity to assist in a pre-flight inspection of a restored World War II North American TB-25J-15 Mitchell,

named the "Tondelayo."

Crewmember Scott Wood instructed cadets Chief Master Sgts. Mike Rominger and Mark Rominger, Tech. Sgt. Dean Redd, Airmen 1st Class John Emerson and Matt Fischer, and Airman James Jackson on the procedures during a recent air show at the Danville Regional Airport.

Wood is a museum specialist with the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum and is currently

installing four engines on the famous B-29 Superfortress *Enola Gay*.

2nd Lt. Deborah Wagstaff

## GREAT LAKES REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. WILLIAM W. WEBB

ILLINOIS ★ INDIANA  
KENTUCKY ★ MICHIGAN  
OHIO ★ WISCONSIN

ILLINOIS — The Scott Composite Squadron held a change of command ceremony during which Maj. Jay Miller presented the command to Maj. Scott Sommer.

Group 19 Commander Lt. Col. Rick Gale officiated, and the commanders' sons - Cadets Jeremiah Miller and Christopher Sommer - handled the flag for their respective incoming and outgoing fathers.

Miller joined the squadron in 1993, when his twin daughters entered the cadet program. He assumed command in 1998. His son, Jeremiah, was promoted to a cadet officer the same evening his father concluded his seven years of command.

Sommer joined the squadron in July 2002. During his Air Force career, Sommer was assigned to the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va.,

and worked air rescue while stationed in Alaska. He retired from active duty in 1994 while assigned to Air Mobility Command Headquarters on Scott AFB, Ill.

Sommer's wife, Tina, actively supports squadron activities. They have one other son, Ryan, who attends Illinois State University.

Maj. Paul Hertel

INDIANA — An Indiana Wing squadron attended a Space Shuttle Endeavor party with their partner and sponsor Lockheed Martin on Space Day<sup>SM</sup> 2003.

The landing party, a follow-up of the Signatures in Space<sup>®</sup> program, came at the end of a weeklong exhibit that told the story of the past 100 years of aviation history.

Last November, when the Space Shuttle Endeavor mission STS-113 launched two exchange crews on the International Space Station, its payload included signatures from two Columbus, Ind., partners: Columbus Cadet Squadron and Lockheed Martin Information Technology-Commercial Enterprise Solutions.

Student Signatures in Space<sup>®</sup> (S3), a program of the award-winning Space Day<sup>SM</sup> educational initiative, provided students the opportunity to send their digitized signatures into space. Jointly sponsored by NASA and Lockheed Martin Corporation, the S3 program is co-chaired by Ohio Senator John Glenn. For more details on both programs, visit the foundation's Web site at <http://www.spaceday.com>.

Attending squadron members were:

Senior members - Lee Ostrander, Staci Durnal and 1st Lt. Kenneth Reynolds; and

Cadets - 2nd Lts. Michael Evan Beyer and Christoph Rieker; Tech. Sgts. Rajan Kalirai and Nickolas Krabbenhoef; Airmen 1st Class Brad Ostrander and Chris Acton; Airman Jessica Nedeau; and Airmen Basic Rachael Nedeau and Tyler Gill.

Employees from Lockheed Martin included Dudley Bromley, Ken Reynolds, Jennifer Hatchett, Sue Moulton, Sarah Freeman, Bob Kilby, Elaine Burton and Rick Taylor.

1st Lt. Kenneth Reynolds

ILLINOIS — Parents, friends and members of the Woodfield Composite Squadron celebrated the achievements of three members at an award ceremony held at Schaumburg Regional Airport in Schaumburg, Ill.



Photo by 1st Lt. John White

**Posing for a photo are, from left, Lt. Col. Jim Truxel, Virginia Wing Group 3 commander, Leesburg Composite Squadron cadets 2nd Lts. Marisa Yarmie, Chris White and Geoffrey Becker, and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Guy Gardner. The photo was taken after the three cadets were presented their Gen. Billy Mitchell awards in Chantilly, Va.**



Illinois Wing Commander Col. Jay R. Burrell and squadron commander Capt. Steven Snyder presented the following awards:

→ Amelia Earhart Award — Cadet Maj. Philip Rosen; and  
→ Gen. Billy Mitchell Award — Cadet 2nd Lts. Erik Hall and Matthew Anderson.

In a special presentation, Snyder presented Hall with a Commemorative Liberty Silver Dollar. Hall is preparing to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, class of 2007.

*Capt. H. Michael Miley*

**KENTUCKY** — Two Kentucky squadrons coordinated efforts to assist cadets in completing their orientation flights.

Kentucky Wing Commander Col. Loretta Holbrook requested that members of the London and Centenary Composite squadrons work together to facilitate orientation flights for cadets in Lexington, Ky.

While the London Squadron has a 1999 Cessna 172R, Centenary relies on coordination from other squadrons to gain airplane access.

London squadron's Maj. Nick Martin provided the first series of flights based on this rejuvenated partnership. Maj. Tom Slone and other pilots from the London Squadron are coordinating over 50 orientation flights with Centenary's Cadet 2nd Lt. Andrea Bowen, who has been instrumental in this effort.

On May 29, Cadet Airman 1st Class Clay Davis and Cadet Airman Stormy Caliguiri completed their first orientation flight from Bluegrass Field with flights to Cynthiana and Georgetown, Ky., airports, while completing their maneuvers.

The London squadron is comprised of 54 senior members, 12 of whom are qualified for emergency service missions, and one who is a transport mission pilot and currently training as a mission pilot. Members of the London Composite Squadron comprise 31 percent of the wing's mission pilots.

*2nd Lt. Russ Hensley*

**KENTUCKY** — Members of two wings combined efforts in an all-night search and rescue mission in Louisville, Ky.

Kentucky Wing Incident Commander Lt. Col. Chris Meyer notified Indiana Wing's Maj. Darrel Williamson of an electronic location transmitter signal in urban Louisville, Ky.

At 1 a.m., Williamson contacted members of both Indiana's Falcon Composite and

Kentucky's KYANG Composite squadrons regarding the mission.

The team rallied at Standiford Field, in Louisville, Ky., home of the KYANG Composite squadron and 123rd Airlift Wing of the Kentucky Air National Guard. Because the field has a large shipping hub for United Parcel Service, the ELT signal was suspected to be coming from that area. However, a pass of search and rescue satellite-aided tracking - SARSAT - revealed the signal

members received credit for two missions toward their Air Search and Rescue Ribbon and credit for a non-distress ELT find.

*Maj. Darrel D. Williamson*

**KENTUCKY** — Members of the Kentucky Wing's KYANG Composite Squadron teamed up with Indiana Wing's Falcon Composite Squadron to earn their model rocketry badge.

The Falcon cadets, who had completed the requirements for their badges the previous week,



From left, cadets Airman 1st Class Clay Davis and Airman Stormy Caliguiri of Kentucky Wing's Centenary Composite Squadron pose for a picture after their CAP orientation flight in a Cessna C-172 Skyhawk. May 29. The flights were piloted by members of the wing's London Composite Squadron, which is also the unit the aircraft is assigned to. Over the course of the summer, unit members are hoping to fly more than 50 cadet "o-flights."

was coming from the other side of Louisville.

The team went to the Bowman Field Airport, detecting a strong signal there. By 6 a.m., the team tracked the signal to one of the airport's oldest hangars and reported their findings to the Flight Service Station. The FSS contacted airport authorities to notify the owner of a 1946 Air Coupe, and at 9:30 a.m., the ELT was silenced. The owner had just completed an annual inspection on the aircraft the previous day.

Team members included Maj. Evan Harrod and Cadet Senior Airman Ryan Fox of KYANG Composite Squadron, and Williamson and Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Wright of the Falcon Composite Squadron. All team mem-

bers assisted the KYANG cadets with their launches and recoveries.

According to Capt. Dave Hodge, aerospace education officer for the Falcon squadron, it was the third time that Falcon had hosted the launches. Hodge, who oversees the model rocketry program, donated all of the materials for the cadets' rocket launch, including extra rockets for fun. Hodge has helped more than 30 cadets complete their model rocketry requirements.

Cadets were instructed in launch-range safety procedures and proper pre-launch setup of the rockets. Although some rockets had some launching problems, all participating KYANG cadets earned their badges.

KYANG cadet participants were: Master Sgt. James

Krystaponis; Airman 1st Class Bryan Burgess; and Airmen Matt Pasley, Ryan Reynolds, Michael Stinnett, Derek Saluteous, Rob Saluteous and Adam Wallis.

Falcon cadets who had previously earned their badges were: Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Wright; Airmen 1st Class Kegan Hennessey and Adam Boone; and Airmen Larry Brown, Rachel Thomas, Stephen Spencer, Justin Mosier and Jacob Schiller.

Assisting senior members were Hodge, Maj. Mike McGill

certified flight instructor, enthusiastically led small groups of girls on preflight inspections of the squadron's Cessna C-172 aircraft. Her hands-on instruction enforced what the girls had learned from Roldan's classroom lecture.

*1st Lt. Jim Hobelsberger*

## SOUTH-EAST REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. ANTONIO J. PINEDA

ALABAMA ★ FLORIDA ★  
GEORGIA ★ MISSISSIPPI ★  
PUERTO RICO ★ TENNESSEE

**ALABAMA** — Senior and cadet members of the Calhoun Composite Squadron volunteered their services for the Huntsville Air Show 2003.

Not only did the members assist with the air show and a CAP information booth, but they also met the guests of honor.

During the two-day event, the squadron was assigned to various duties, such as parking, crowd control and information assistance. They also staffed the information booth and conducted tours of two CAP aircraft. Through their efforts, the cadets gained experience in leadership, problem solving, public speaking, and team building.

After the first day's events, the group attended an aircrew party at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, Ala. Everyone had the chance to meet the crew from the air show, including the U.S. Navy Blue Angles and Air Force A-10 and F-16 pilots. After the festivities, the group watched an IMAX film and explored the center.

Senior members who attended were: Lt. Col. Jim Belzer, 2nd Lt. James Cochran, Sr. Mbr. Timothy Mullins and Cadet Sponsor Alan Buttenhoff. Cadet members were: Tech. Sgt. Garrett Cochran; Staff Sgt. Gavin Buttenhoff; Sgt. Matthew Smallwood; Airmen 1st Class Mathew Parmer, Billy Smallwood, Christopher Satterfield and Dereck Branning; and Airman Tim Mullins.

*Cadet Sponsor Alan Buttenhoff*

**FLORIDA** — Highlands County Composite Squadron of Sebring, Fla., held a retirement



ceremony for Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Roy Snidow.

Retiring after 12 years of service, Snidow was not only the squadron's chaplain, but also its public affairs officer.

He was recruited to be the squadron's chaplain in 1992 by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Howard Johnson, assistant for recruitment to the CAP National Chaplain Service and a fellow member of Highlands County squadron.

Snidow was awarded a service plaque from Florida Wing's Group 5 for being the group's chaplain since 2000.

Snidow has also served as a U.S. Army combat paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division during World War II and was a volunteer chaplain at the Avon Park Florida Regional Hospital. He is looking forward to traveling the country during his retirement.

*2nd Lt. Robert Gregory Gibson*

FLORIDA — A Florida Wing squadron participated in Astronomy Day at the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa, Fla.

The North Tampa Cadet Squadron's Color Guard presented colors at the opening ceremony and spent the day informing the public about CAP and recruiting potential members.

While manning their recruiting booth, members also assisted many young people in making CAP airplanes, which were seen flying all during the day. Some teachers took airplanes and brochures back to their classrooms. As one young man was making his airplane, he told the members that he still had a CAP plane on his bedroom shelf that he had made during a middle school program that the squadron had presented.

*Maj. Diane Westcott*

FLORIDA — A Florida Wing squadron presented the colors for the new five-acre veteran's burial section at Daytona Memorial Park.

8049th Composite Squadron members of Daytona Beach, Fla., served to assist owners with the ongoing renovations of Veteran's Memorial.

Cadet color guard participants were: Master Sgt. Katie Spencer — American flag bearer; Staff Sgt. Mario Pozo — rifleman; Airman Rudy Smith — rifleman; and Airman Skyler Marchant — state flag bearer.

*Sr. Mbr. Anthony Gorss*

FLORIDA — Florida Governor Jeb Bush presented a

Florida Wing cadet with an art scholarship during a reception at the governor's mansion in Tallahassee, Fla.

Cadet Tech. Sgt. Joseph Danza of the North Tampa Cadet Squadron received a scholarship from the Arts for a Complete Education/Florida Alliance for Arts Education.

Danza was the project officer for the squadron's float design in the 2002 Lutz Fourth of July Parade. He has also donated one of his paintings to the North Tampa Cadet Squadron.

*Maj. Diane Westcott*

FLORIDA — Members from Florida's Group 8 squadrons volunteered their services as two U.S. astronauts visited the community of Clearwater, Fla.

NASA astronauts Nicole Passonno-Stott and Kevin Ford met with the public all day at the Clearwater Airpark Open House, sharing their experiences in space and autographing pictures.

The annual event, hosted by the city of Clearwater, drew an estimated 3,000 local residents and was sponsored by the airpark as a way to thank the community for supporting the airpark's operations.

Members of the Clearwater squadron, as well as those from other Group 8 squadrons, provided support for the event by managing the parking and traffic detail. Members also manned the park's concession booth, cooking the food and serving the public for donations. The Clearwater Airpark had contributed the food so that squadron members might raise funds for upcoming activities. The Clearwater Airpark has been a long-time supporter of the Clearwater squadron, including allowing the unit to use its facilities as a base.

In addition to static aircraft displays, aviation enthusiasts of all ages could take advantage of low-cost helicopter or plane rides. Private pilots were busy all day giving first-time flyers an aerial view of their hometown — a perspective they have never seen before.

*Sr. Mbr. Terrance Power*

FLORIDA — Lt. Col. Buddy Harris was honored for his distinguished service to CAP at the Florida Wing Annual Conference held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Harris, a member of CAP since 1943, has served 60 years with several noteworthy accomplishments.

He created *Florida Facts* magazine in order to educate

## SER COMMANDER TAKES TO THE SKIES



**Southeast Region Commander Col. Antonio J. Pineda "bungees" through the sky during the Florida Wing Conference in Daytona Beach, Fla. Pineda accepted a 100-foot bungee-drop challenge to raise money for a cadet squadron. While Pineda was being carried aloft, doubters contributed money to his "memorial fund." According to Pineda, when his heart started to beat again and his brain stopped saying "no" his near-paralyzed fingers pulled the release pin. He then plunged toward earth at speeds in excess of 50 mph. At the conference banquet that evening — attended by a record-breaking crowd of about 600 — Pineda said his "drop" generated \$320 and the money would be given to the Tamiami Cadet Squadron color guard, to help pay for their trip to the 2003 National Cadet Competition in Ohio.**

both CAP and non-CAP members on the workings, news and events at the local, state and national levels. Harris was awarded CAP's Distinguished Service Medal and Distinguished Service Award for his long-term support. He was awarded the Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award on March 24 for performing the Heimlich maneuver and saving the life of a choking victim.

Currently, Harris resides in Boca Raton, Fla., with his wife, Phyllis, of 52 years.

*Sr. Member Anthony Gorss*

FLORIDA — The Brandon Cadet Squadron of Florida Wing's Group 3 celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Established May 15, 1978, Brandon is one of the longest-running squadrons in the Tampa Bay area.

Brandon cadets serve the community by volunteering at Sun 'n Fun Fly-In in Lakeland, Fla., the Ruskin Seafood Festival, the Tampa radio control airplane show and marching in the Brandon Fourth of July parade. To find out more about the squadron, go to [www.brandondcadet.org](http://www.brandondcadet.org).

*2nd Lt. Dave Cook*

FLORIDA — The Miami Beach Cadet Squadron participated in a candlelight vigil to honor those members of the armed forces serving overseas.

The multi-denominational ceremony was held at the President John F. Kennedy Torch of Friendship Memorial in downtown Miami.

Organized by the Miami-Dade Lions Club, District 35A, other organizations included: Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 620; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10212 and 3559; Cuban American Veterans Association; and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Florida.

During the vigil, those who made the "ultimate sacrifice" for freedom, in all the engagements of America's armed forces history, were remembered.

*1st Lt. Linus Gomez*

FLORIDA — Among the 20 cadets and seven senior members of the Northside Christian School Cadet Squadron, there are eight families represented by two or more members.

One of the young unit's founding members and current cadet deputy commander, Cadet

2nd Lt. Brandon Vezina, was followed into CAP by both parents. 2nd Lt. Raymond Vezina runs the model rocketry program, and 1st Lt. Raya Vezina is the squadron's testing officer and deputy commander.

Two other original members, Cadet Airman 1st Class Lesley Goldston and Cadet Master Sgt. Mikell Admire, persuaded their mothers to join. 1st Lt. Sharon Goldston is the unit finance officer, and 2nd Lt. Nicole Admire recently earned her 101 card.

Cadet Airman 1st Class Heather Fellman, the squadron's cadet safety officer, is following in the footsteps of her father, 1st Lt. Crist Fellman. A fireman and paramedic by profession, Crist is the senior safety officer.

This past fall, the unit gained its current aerospace education officer, 2nd Lt. Lee Lockhart. Lockhart, a teacher at Northside Christian School and a member of the Air Force Reserve, came along with his son, Cadet Jacob Lockhart, and daughter, Cadet Airman Becca.

Cadet Master Sgt. Michael Stillo, cadet commander and founding member, inspired his younger brother, Cadet Airman Joey Stillo, to join.



## UP-CLOSE WITH THE SER COMMANDER



Cadets with Florida Wing's Miami Beach Cadet Squadron got the chance to talk with their region commander during the 4th Annual Group 7 Banquet. From left, cadets Master Sgt. Antonio Torres and Airman 1st Class Juan Arraya, Southeast Region Commander Col. Antonio Pineda, and cadets Airman 1st Class Antonio Lopez, Chief Master Sgt. Jorge Suarez, Airman 1st Class Guillermo Mayorga and Airman Chris Madden pose for a group shot.

Finally, the unit claims two sets of twins - Cadets Kyle and Ryan Hawley and Katie and Kyle McCormick. They are among the newest additions to the squadron.

1st Lt. Raya Vezina

GEORGIA — The Peachtree-Dekalb Senior Squadron of Atlanta, Ga., attended a lecture by a local pilot and twice-nominated Pulitzer Prize author.

Robert Coram, who is also a commercially rated pilot, recently published the biography of American fighter pilot - *BOYD, The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of War* (Little, Brown & Co., 2002). In addition, he is a pioneer writer about the history of drug smuggling.

Coram was an instructor at Emory University for 12 years and wrote for two prominent Atlanta newspapers. He has also written for numerous magazines, including *The New Yorker*.

1st Lt. Dallas Ann Wood

GEORGIA — The Gwinnett Composite Squadron's recruitment efforts resulted in the start of a cadet-training program in less than one month's time.

The squadron began recruiting local middle school students by sending letters, flyers and pamphlets in February, and by March, new recruits began their basic training

program.

During the training, most of the cadets were given their first orientation flight. By May, at the end of the eight-week training course, the squadron celebrated with the promotion of 13 new cadets.

The colors were presented at the ceremony, and the training flight was performed for a pass and review. Parents and fellow members were amazed at how far these cadets had come in eight weeks.

Cadet Capt. Eric Washburn, cadet commander, read the attention to orders, and Capt. Richard Elmore and Deb Schmid pinned the newest cadet airmen of Bravo Flight.

The new cadets were: Andrew Baglin, Jonathan Chatham, Dominick Fuss, Ian Harris, Alex Matos, Kerrick Osburn, Alex Robinson, Ryan Schuster, Travis Skillin, Jaciel Trujano, Bradley Wheeler, Robert Wiley and Brian Williams.

Those who were instrumental in the training were: Maj. Ernie McDermon; 2nd Lt. Mike Lyday; and cadet 1st Lts. Travis Simpson and Miguel Rivera; and cadet Tech. Sgts. Brett Dance and Robert Padovano.

Capt. Deborah Schmid

MISSISSIPPI — The Mississippi Wing held its annual conference in Diamondhead, Miss., where the ceremonies and seminars were balanced

with food and fun.

Friday, the conference started with a golf challenge, and Sunday, it ended with a seafood bash at the Diamondhead Yacht Club.

Saturday morning began with registration and general assembly, where a retirement ceremony was held for U.S. Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. George Comstock. Various seminars were held throughout the day.

The awards banquet was held Saturday night, featuring a change of command ceremony. Col. Valerie Brown represented the Southeast Region and passed the Mississippi Wing command from Col. Don Angel to Col. John Wilkes.

Wilkes joined CAP in 1993, accepted the CAP grade of lieutenant colonel and was immediately assigned the position of wing legal officer, which he has held ever since. He has also served as commander of Singing River Composite Squadron. He is a mission check pilot with senior rating, a counter narcotics pilot and a cadet orientation pilot. He has attended Legal Staff College twice, SER Staff College, Inspector General Staff College, National Staff College, and Wing Commander's Course. He recently completed Level V and was presented the Gill Robb Wilson Award. Wilkes also brings experience and professionalism from his 30-plus years in the Marine Corps, where he served both overseas and in the states.

Angel will continue to serve as a member of the CAP National Board, National CAP Governance Committee and

National Infrastructure Committee.

1st Lt. David Danehower

TENNESSEE — A cadet from Tennessee Wing's Tullahoma Composite Squadron won the grand prize in the 2003 Young Eagle Essay Contest.

His winning essay scored highest of the 168 entries from Tullahoma, Manchester, Franklin and Coffee County school students, and earned him the opportunity to ride aboard the aerobatic Red Eagle bi-plane with pilot Dan McClung.

Antonio Gemma Moré — in his essay, "Where Will Flight Be in 100 Years?" — compared the evolution of today's aircraft to envisioned future systems.

"I have always loved aviation," Antonio Moré said. "This honor affords me the opportunity to further my dream of becoming a pilot. I am looking forward to this special flight."

The contest, co-sponsored by Arnold Air Force Base, Mike Thompson Ford Mercury Mazda and Red Eagle Flying Team, is part of the Centennial of Flight Celebration Air Show scheduled for June 21-22 by Arnold AFB in conjunction with the Tri-Chamber Air Show Coalition. The contest is also part of the Experimental Aviation Association's Young Eagle Program's mission to provide a motivational aviation experience for young people through an actual airplane ride. Their goal is to fly 1 million kids by December 2003 — the dawn of aviation's second century. By the end of April, more than 892,935 Young Eagles had flown with EAA pilots.

Maj. William E. Sander



From left, Arnold Air Force Base Commander Col. David J. Eichhorn presents essay-winner Cadet Airman 1st Class Antonio G. Moré of Tennessee Wing's Tullahoma Composite Squadron with a Young Eagles Essay Contest certificate. Standing next to Moré is Mike Thompson, contest cosponsor and owner of Thompson Ford Mercury in Tullahoma, Tenn.

NORTH  
CENTRAL  
REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. REX E. GLASGOW

IOWA ★ KANSAS  
MINNESOTA ★ MISSOURI  
NEBRASKA ★ NORTH DAKOTA  
SOUTH DAKOTA

KANSAS — Sixty cadets and seniors attended the first weekend of the 2003 Kansas Emergency Services Academy, where members chose from ground team, ground team leader or communications team training.



Two wings participated in the KESA camp, which was held at Camp Tomah Shinga, just south of Junction City, Kan.

From Kansas were members of the Shawnee-Mission, Lawrence, Flint Hills, Emporia, Leavenworth County and Emerald City Composite squadrons, and from Missouri were members of the Lee S. Summit Composite and Sedalia Cadet squadrons.

Inside the classroom, ground team trainees learned how to pack for 24 hours or for three days. They also studied ground-to-air signaling, whistle signal calls and line searches. Outdoors, the members learned to locate electronic locator transmitters using detection-finding equipment, navigate using compasses and pace counts, keep radio contact with the mission base, and use the "battle buddy" system.

Ground team leaders studied how to organize search teams, keep team elements on task and inform the mission base of team location and movements. They were also taught that their responsibility is not only for team members' performance, but also for their safety.

That night, the members were educated in night-navigation training. A lost and injured member-ground team scenario in the midst of a navigation exercise allowed the members the chance to finish the night off using line-search techniques. The next morning, after breakfast and religious services, outdoor classroom training resumed with hazardous, chemical and biological material handling, and terrorist attack scenarios. Ground team members also practiced litter-carrying techniques, using the picnic tables as obstacles, while carrying the "injured" to safety.

The last exercise was a simulated Air Force Rescue Coordination Center mission to locate the ELT from a downed civilian aircraft. As the teams closed in on the ELT's signal, a return-to-base radio call ordered the teams back to the mission base to break camp.

KESA staff members were: Col. Tim Hansen; Lt. Cols. Barney King, Charles Tidd and Ed Hill, chief cook; Maj. Dennis Pearson; Capt. Ron Schlesener and Kevin Myers Sr.; and 1st Lts. J.D. Schlesener and Jonathan Holder.

2nd Lt. Mark P. Schock

MINNESOTA — Thirty-seven members attended the National Check Pilot Course at

Fleming Field, South St. Paul, Minn., which the Minnesota Wing has held for over 35 years.

The members had to conduct their flying on Friday and Saturday because high winds prevented operations on Sunday.

The staff members for the course were: Col. Kevin F. Sliwinski, Minnesota Wing's chief of staff for Training; Lt. Cols. John Quilling and Barry Eid; Capt. Joan Kistner; and William Willis, Minnesota Wing state director.

The check pilots who attended included: Lt. Cols. Jim Johnson, Hal Fechtelkotter, Keith Bischoff, Dan Schaller, Roger Brogren, Jim Schlick, Tom Woods and Rich Vosika; Maj. Duane Delegard; and Capt. Gina Palazzari-Chavez, Jo Ellen Peters, Rich Dalquist, Jason Urban, Bob Kistner, Jim Harris, Gary Lemasters, Al Wollum and Jerry Wolfgram.

The standardization-evaluation pilots who participated included: Col. Gerry Quilling; Lt. Col. Bob Dykstra; Maj. Carl Hallum, Craig Lommel, and Manny Block; and Capt. Tom Pfingsten, Stu Lieber, Bill Pagel and Mike Hartell.

Other attendees were: Maj. Gary Chambers; Capt. Vasilios Daravingas, Paul Gunderson from Nevada, and Frank Gutierrez from Iowa; and Sr. Mbr. Sean Skalisky.

Col. Kevin F. Sliwinski

NEBRASKA — More than 250 eighth-grade students and teachers from Scott Middle School, in Lincoln, Neb., met with two of Nebraska's original Tuskegee Airmen.

The program, sponsored by Nebraska Wing's Capital City Senior Squadron, gave the students an opportunity to learn history from men who helped make it - retired Air Force Lt. Cols. Paul Adams and Charles Lane.

The Tuskegee Airmen, also known as the "Lonely Eagles," were the first African-American pilots in any branch of the armed forces.

Capt. Karl Eisbach

NORTH DAKOTA — The Bismarck Composite Squadron was honored at the North Dakota Wing's Annual Conference in Bismarck, N.D.

Not only did the squadron receive the North Dakota Wing Squadron of the Year Award, but also the Maurice E. Cook Safety Award, for having the best safety program in the wing, and the CAP Squadron of Merit Award, awarded by CAP National Headquarters to the top squad-

## FLIGHT ACADEMY EXPERIENCE



From left, Ray Peterson and Wes Borgeson, members of the Minnesota 8th Air Force Historical Society, ask Minnesota Wing cadets Capt. Kendra Sand and Jeff Hagen about their experiences during this year's Minnesota Wing Flight Academy. The cadets accompanied Col. Kevin F. Sliwinski, Minnesota Wing's chief of staff for Training, to a luncheon at the American Legion Post 550 in Bloomington, Minn., where he presented information about the academy. Both cadets are from the Valley Cadet Squadron and attended the academy as powered aircraft students.

ron in the state.

Several operational awards were also given to the squadron for outstanding performance: The Baltzer Trophy, for excellence in air search and rescue; and the Richard L. Scharf Award, for excellence in ground-team operations.

Finally, Bismarck Composite Squadron Commander Capt. Jim Boyd was recognized as the North Dakota Wing's 2002 Senior Member of the Year.

Sr. Mbr. Chris Brown

NORTH DAKOTA — The Air Force Association honored a North Dakota Wing squadron and two squadron members during its annual awards banquet.

The 119th Air National Guard Cadet Squadron was presented with an Air Force citation for the work it has done to support CAP's cadet program and the AFA. Not only are several members of the squadron also AFA members, but the squadron has also given presentations during AFA chapter meetings.

Additionally, 2nd Lt. Chad Derby and Cadet 2nd Lt. Preston Nygaard were presented with an AFA Certificate Of Appreciation for their dedication to CAP.

Maj. Erik Ludlow

## SOUTHWEST REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. THOMAS L. TODD

ARIZONA \* ARKANSAS  
LOUISIANA \* NEW MEXICO  
OKLAHOMA \* TEXAS

ARIZONA — Cadets from across Arizona gathered in the desert west of Phoenix to take part in the Arizona Wing Annual Desert Survival Field Training Exercise.

After credential and paperwork check-in on Friday evening, cadets made camp and set up security for the night.

On Saturday morning, there were several "learning stations" to instruct cadets in map and compass skills, signaling, and desert-condition fire and water management. Cadets were challenged to use new map and compass skills by following a course that encircled the camp. Here, they had opportunities to

use mirrors and flares to signal CAP aircraft that circled overhead. All learned to build fires using natural materials and gather water in an arid environment.

Sunday began with breakfast and a devotional delivered by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Steven Rountree. The morning activities afforded all cadets the opportunity to work with canine and equine search teams, where the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department assisted with many of the activities.

The weekend ended with a competition that pitted the four cadet flights against each other. The survival olympics gave the cadets an opportunity to exercise their newly learned skills on a course around the camp. Cadets were required to locate five points on a two-mile course by using map and compass skills. At each point, a task was devised to demonstrate the teams' knowledge of emergency services operations: First, knot tying; second, fire building with natural materials; third, transporting a simulated injury case via backboard to the next station; fourth, signaling a point one-half mile away; and fifth, pinpointing compass headings.

Although the field training exercise was incident free, two



registered nurses, a medical doctor and four cadet first-responders were on hand from the medical team of the Arizona Wing.

The wing offers both desert and alpine survival training throughout the year. Due to the weather extremes in Arizona, which present everything from barren desert to freezing conditions at the summit of its tallest mountains, the wing offers annual survival training to its members involved in emergency services.

*1st Lt. Jerlynn Kasper & Capt. Mike Hoza*

**LOUISIANA** — Members of Baton Rouge Cadet Squadron were honored with several awards while they attended the Louisiana Wing Conference in Lafayette, La.

The squadron was selected as the 2002 Outstanding Cadet Squadron, and received squadron-of-merit honors for 2002 and 2003, and the 2002 Aerospace Award of Excellence.

Maj. Linda Muffoletto was chosen as the Louisiana Wing 2002 Logistics Officer and received a Commander's Commendation for her service as the cadet programs finance

officer. The squadron commander, Maj. Joe Muffoletto, received a Commander's Commendation for his service as a squadron commander under out-going Louisiana Wing Commander Col. Mary Berkowitz.

Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Brian Schneider was selected as the 2002 Louisiana Wing Cadet of the Year.

Cadet Maj. Jacob Badeaux received the 2002 Brewer Aerospace Award. Badeaux, who is the wing's cadet competition team commander and chairman of the cadet advisory council, also received a special award from Berkowitz — the Louisiana Wing Commander's Award of Excellence, which is given each year by the wing commander to a cadet and senior member who have served the organization in an exemplary manner during the previous year.

*Maj. Linda Muffoletto*

**LOUISIANA** — Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Brian Schneider was selected as the 2002 Louisiana Wing Cadet of the Year at the Annual Wing Conference held in Lafayette, La.

Schneider has held various positions within the Baton Rouge Cadet Squadron, rising from flight member to flight sergeant to flight commander.

He serves as the squadron's delegate to the Louisiana Wing Cadet Advisory Council and is a member of the Louisiana Wing Cadet Competition Team. Schneider was also a member of the 2003 Louisiana Wing Cadet Color Guard Competition Team, representing Louisiana at the Southwest Region competition in early March.

The 16-year-old from Prairieville, La., is a 10th grader at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. He earns excellent grades, and is active in all of his squadron's activities. He also serves as a youth board member of the YMCA. He was chosen as an honorary deputy of the Parish of Ascension in 2000.

The Louisiana Wing cadet of the year is usually a cadet officer. An exception was made in the selection of Schneider — member since November 2001 — in recognition of his outstanding leadership skills.

*Maj. Linda Muffoletto*

**OKLAHOMA** — Oklahoma Wing's Stillwater Composite Squadron celebrated Space Day<sup>SM</sup> 2003 at the Stillwater Middle School.

About 750 students and 40 teachers focused on the wonders of space and on this year's aviation theme, "Celebrating the Future of Flight."

The squadron set up a star constellation, which was displayed during the school's lunch hour. Capts. Kelly Wardlaw and Kathy Curtin discussed the various observable star constellations of the Northern Hemisphere. Students were provided with a starmap for the month of May and were able to view several constellations made from film canisters. Participants were rewarded with Starburst candy for correctly answering questions about the various constellations.

Space Day<sup>SM</sup>, co-chaired by former Senator John Glenn, is designed to advance science, math and technology education, and to inspire young people to realize the vision of space



Photo by Nancy Smalley

**Texas Wing Group 4 members, from left, Capt. Gary Woodall, Cadet Staff Sgt. Ralston Dorn, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Sutton, Cadet Capt. Bradley Sutton, Capt. Phyllis Sutton, Senior Member John Forbus, Capt. Jeffrey Harrell pose for a group photo after successfully completing an Air-Force assigned mission to track down an errant electronic locator transmitter signal.**

pioneers. Teachers' packets, which contained information about all of the activities, were also handed out.

*Capt. Kathy Curtin*

**TEXAS** — While attending a search and rescue exercise at Grayson County Airport, members of Texas Wing's Group 4 were assigned a sortie by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., to track down an electronic locator transmitter signal.

Using both a ground team and an aircrew, the team tracked the ELT signal to an apartment complex in the North Central Texas area.

Members of the ground team were Capt. Phyllis Sutton, ground team leader, Sr. Mbr. John Forbus, and cadets Capt. Bradley Sutton and Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Sutton — who are with the Addison Eagles Composite Squadron. Each member of the ground team will receive his first find ribbon.

Members of the aircrew were: Capt. Gary Woodall, pilot in command, Black Sheep Composite Squadron; Capt. Jeffrey Harrell, observer, Texhoma Composite Squadron; and Cadet Staff Sgt. Ralston Dorn, scanner, Addison Eagles Composite Squadron. Dorn is in cadet training for the scanner position and will receive his first find with an aircrew propeller.

The search and rescue exercise and AFRCC mission

were held under the command of Lt. Col. Dietrich Whisennand, commander of Group 4.

*Maj. Nancy Smalley*

**TEXAS** — Cadets of the Oakcliff Redbird Composite Squadron had the opportunity to visit one of the local firehouses and witness what it takes to be a firefighter and paramedic.

As an ongoing program within the unit, the squadron schedules monthly activities outside its normal classroom time to educate the cadets about professions that are connected to aerospace and aviation.

The firehouse stands just outside of Executive Airport, formally Redbird. The cadets were introduced to several fire personnel, learned about their responsibilities, and toured the station's control center and living quarters. Out in the garage, the members were shown four of the firefighting vehicles.

*2nd Lt. Felipe Gomez*

**TEXAS** — Four seniors and 12 cadets from Ellington Composite Squadron assisted with crowd control, vehicle parking, gate duty and barrier maintenance at Galveston's Lone Star Flight Museum's 12th Anniversary Air Show.

Squadron participants and visitors were able to view more than 40 museum-owned aircraft, of which most were pre-World War II. The Canadian Snowbirds also put on an aerial demonstration for the crowds.

## TEXAS WING 'O-FLIGHT'



**Cadet Airman Lara Smith of Texas Wing's Ellington Composite Squadron prepares for her first CAP orientation flight. Fourteen cadets completed their "O-flights" on two Saturdays at King Flight Service, located on Clover Field in Houston, Texas. Cadets waiting for their turn in the air received instruction in urban direction finding, emergency services, chart reading and compass work.**



The squadron had a tabletop display, distributing literature and discussing CAP's programs with many visitors.

Maj. Allen Maxwell, a 46-year member of the Ellington squadron, piloted the B17G Flying Fortress and demonstrated bombing runs.

2nd Lt. Ron Perry

TEXAS — Three Texas Wing squadrons participated in the 56th Annual Fiesta Flambeau Parade.

The Lackland Cadet, Randolph Composite and David Lee "Tex" Hill Composite squadrons were under the auspices of the Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association.

Other groups participating were the San Antonio Coast Guard Auxiliary chapter, Coast Guard recruiting office, University of Texas San Antonio Air Force ROTC detachment and 463rd Training Squadron at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas. All the units came together under the parade theme of "Celebration of Generations."

As per tradition, the University of Texas Longhorn Band marched through downtown San Antonio's streets, passing the Alamo, Texas' historic shrine. Military, college and high school bands entertained the crowds, while decorated floats, fiesta royalty, clowns and horse riders added to the parade fun.

Before the main parade, however, was the Flambeau "Vanguard," comprised of military and civil patriotic groups that stop along the parade route. The AFA group, including CAP, was in the vanguard. This parade is the biggest night parade in the United States and is watched by half a million people from all over America and Mexico.

CAP had approximately 50 marchers, including:

✕ Lackland Cadet — Johnny Campos, Ramon Castro, Christopher Chilton, David Flores, Blake McKay, Mathew Mcstavic and Paul Rojas;

✕ Randolph Composite — Senior members Lt. Col. John Wigle, Sr, Capt. Todd Shields and 1st Lt. Eric Renth, and cadets Aaron Moore, Jared Kotara, Eric Laprise, John Wigle, Phillip Kuentz, Gregory Crump, Robert Moody, Kyle Ferguson and Jennifer Wigle; and

✕ David Lee "Tex" Hill Composite — Senior member 1st Lt. Thomas Adams, plus members of all three Tex flights, Panda Bear, Tiger and Tigershark.

1st Lt. Eric Renth

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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COLORADO — Cadets from the Boulder Composite Squadron supported a Colorado Wing Aircrew training mission held at Boulder Airport, in Boulder, Colo.

In addition to the cadets, 20 senior members participated in the training with the use of five Colorado Wing aircraft.

The cadets manned a practice target beacon and provided ground-to-air signals in the form of mirror flashes and symbols laid out on the ground. These were placed within the Rabbit Mountain Open Space, a local recreational area north of the airport.

Upon completion of their duties as "targets," Boulder cadets were tasked with tracking a second practice beacon on the Boulder Airport grounds. The cadets successfully tracked the beacon, which was hidden inside a wing aircraft.

## PACIFIC REGION

COMMANDER  
COL. PHILLIP S. GROSHONG

ALASKA \* CALIFORNIA  
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CALIFORNIA — Cadet 2nd Lt. David Hernandez of the 55th Composite Squadron received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

He will report to the academy in June 2003 to pursue a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a career as an Air Force pilot.

Hernandez graduated from Coronado High School with honors and earned membership in the California Scholastic Federation — a state academic



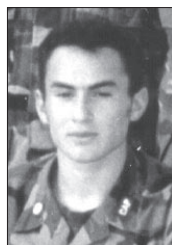
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Colorado Wing cadets, from left, Staff Sgt. Patrick McCoy, Senior Master Sgt. Rane Rohweder, Airman Clay Harding, Master Sgt. Jason Venable and Airman Alexander Beerwith pose for a picture after participating in a wing aircrew training mission held at Boulder Airport May 19. During the exercise, the cadets manned a practice beacon target and provided ground-to-air signals in the form of mirror flashes and symbols laid out on the ground.

honor society. He is currently working on his private pilot license through the Gillespie Field Eagles flight program, where he has already accumulated 22½ hours of flight time.

Hernandez has been a member of the 55th Composite Squadron since July 1997, where he is currently cadet commander. Also, he has held other leadership positions, such as element leader, flight sergeant, flight commander and first sergeant, and staff positions during air shows, the cadet program conference and basic cadet school.

According to current squadron commander Capt. Larry Riddle, Hernandez comes from a strong military family —



Cadet 2nd Lt.  
David  
Hernandez

both his father and grandfather were career officers — which adds to the cadet's potential as a future officer. "Their positive influence upon his character is evident in his conduct, his concept of personal honor and his military bearing," said Riddle. "Knowing his family makes it easy to understand how he became such a fine cadet officer and gentleman."

Maj. Marcus Custer, the squadron's incoming commander, recognized Hernandez's hard work and leadership skills, dubbing him an "ideal candidate for the U.S. Air Force Academy."

Likewise, Capt. Audrey Small, deputy commander for cadets, credited him with bringing "professionalism and esprit de corps back to the squadron."

Capt. Patricia Belden

CALIFORNIA — The members of California's Group 6 meet at different locations quarterly to be briefed on changes in programs, issues and training.

This quarter, the Edwards AFB Composite Squadron hosted Group 6's quarterly meeting.

Members met regarding the wing's homeland security missions and training. Group 6 Cadet Programs Officer Maj. John Englert presented new changes in cadet programs, while Lt. Col. Steve Asche informed and trained the members regarding wing management utility and mission-alerting duties.

Two changes of command took place. First, Maj. Bob Hoskins of the Fresno Composite Squadron, after four years of service, turned his command over to Capt. Mark Lambie. Then, Maj. John Englert, also a U.S. Air Force

captain, stepped down due to an Air Force transfer to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and 1st Lt. Rick Sargent assumed command of the Edwards AFB Composite Squadron.

During the meeting, recognition was given to Merced Composite Squadron's Cadet Master Sgt. Grace Anderson for her acceptance into the U.S. Air Force Academy. Also, there were two promotions in one family — Capt. Bob Hoskins was promoted to major, and his son, Cadet Capt. James Hoskins to cadet major. Commander's commendations were presented to members of Reeves Field Skyhawks Squadron for the help and service they provided to the squadron leadership school in November 2002.

Group 6 has acquired a glider from California Wing, which will be based at Skylark North Flight School in the Tehachapi Valley, in cooperation with owners Larry and Jane Barrett. Capt. Kevin Judy, Group 6 director of gliders, is with the Tehachapi Composite Squadron, and he is looking forward to getting the group of cadets flying. Two new glider pilots have just joined — Sr. Mbr. Pete Plumb of the Bakersfield Composite Squadron and Sr. Mbr. Dan Gudgel, a certified glider flight instructor of the Reeves Field Skyhawks



Senior Squadron.

The Sequoia Porterville Squadron Color Guard was presented with a participation certificate for the Group 6 competition of January 2003. Also, Maj. John Longley, squadron commander, was presented a certificate of appreciation for his dedication and hard work in homeland security training as Group 6's HLS Officer.

In addition, 1st Lt. Theresa Longley was promoted to captain. Pinning on her captain's bars were her husband, Maj. John Longley, and son, U.S. Army 1st Lt. John Longley III, who was on leave and had just returned from the Middle East.

*Maj. Carol Schaubsluger*

CALIFORNIA — The Antelope Valley Composite Squadron's color guard greeted the flight crew of World War II-era bomber *Sentimental Journey*.

Piloted by Jim Kimmel, a retired Air Force fighter pilot, the B-17 G model touched down in front of almost 100 onlookers at the Gen. William J. Fox Airfield as part of an educational and patriotic tour.

The attending color guard cadets were Tech. Sgts. Jennifer Swenson and Austin Rice, 2nd Lt. Christina Swenson and Senior Airman Kristina Frassrand.

Even though B-17s were best known for their daylight bombing missions over Germany, the *Sentimental Journey* was built too late to see any actual combat. Following the war, it was sent to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., where it was used for air-sea rescue. Later, it was salvaged from a storage yard and used as a fire-fighting borate bomber.

Currently, the *Sentimental Journey* is owned by the Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force and functions as a flying museum, dedicated to preserving World War II aviation history.

*Capt. Don Gockel*

CALIFORNIA — More than 100 cadets and senior members participated in California Wing's Aerospace Education Model Rocketry Weekend.

All members traveled to Camp Pendleton's Area 62 and the helicopter landing field there to learn about model rocketry.

Because there were senior members and graduates in attendance from past model rocketry events, a new designation was created — the

## ARTISTIC WISCONSIN PRIZEWINNER



**Nevada Wing's Cadet Airman Ashley Conner sits in the cockpit of an HH-60 Pave Hawk rescue helicopter during a visit to the unit's "big brothers" of search and rescue — the 66th Search and Rescue Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The combat search and rescue professionals taught the members about the challenges and dangers of combat SAR missions and the capabilities of the Pave Hawk.**

advanced training flight. To participate in this advanced class, a cadet must have already earned the CAP Model Rocketry Badge, and senior member participants must have either attended a previous basic model rocketry weekend or had prior experience building model rockets. For most of the students, however, this was their introduction to building the rockets, and concentrated on the fundamentals of model rocketry, designated for "basic" level training.

The basic course was taught by a number of extremely qualified and enthusiastic instructors. Maj. John DiGiantomasso taught safety and launch procedures. Cadet Capt. Mychael Sargent, cadet commander of the event, taught how to prepare the rockets for launch. 1st Lt. Ed Ferrell supervised the launch pad area and briefed the cadets who were filling the roles of range safety officer and launch safety officer. He also provided guidance and ensured that cadets had safely and properly placed their rockets on the pads.

More than 60 participants were in attendance to earn their model rocketry badge. This required they build two different rockets and perform range duties, such as range safety officer, recording officer, observer tracker, range guard and spectator control. The cadets who were new to model rocketry building also recorded their progress in a journal, preparing and launching their own rockets while other cadets supervised. Most cadets in the basic class were able to launch their rocket seven times during the weekend.

Advanced cadets were taught by Group 1 Commander Maj. Phil Laisure, an avid model rocket hobbyist. Laisure led the advanced cadets in building Aerotech Airspike rockets, providing advice and expertise, such as using cyanoacrylate adhesives and constructing solid airframes that can withstand the stresses of mid-power rocketry. DiGiantomasso also taught the advanced cadets how to prepare their mid-range rockets for launch and how to use the aerotech mid-power compatible launch rails and

interlock controllers.

The instructors stressed safety throughout the weekend, beginning with the Model Rocketry Safety Code. This code, defined by the National Association of Rocketry, explains the safe way to build and launch rockets, and how to do it legally. The instructors had the participants read and sign the code, and then reinforced its rules. The goal was not only to have the cadets earn their rocketry badge and have fun doing it, but also to go home with a new hobby they could enjoy - safely and legally.

*1st Lt. Audrey DiGiantomasso*

CALIFORNIA — Brackett Composite Squadron held its annual awards ceremony at the Covina United Methodist Church where Walt Allen, mayor of Covina, congratulated them for 39 years of faithful service to the community and nation.

New members completing Level 1 training included Oscar Cobos III, Eric Erby, Don White and Ron Newton.

Specialty track awardees were:

✕ Technical ratings: Maj. Dave Null — Finance; 1st Lt. Sandy Tucker — Cadet Programs and Personnel; Capt. Scott Borer — Flight Operations; and

✕ Senior ratings: Capt. Dave Null — Legal and Aerospace Education; Capt. Scott Borer — Aerospace Education and Cadet Programs; and 1st Lt. Adelle McKinney — Public Affairs.

Outstanding service awards were presented to: Lt. Col. Thomas Darby and Dominick Landolfi, Maj. Dave Null, George Jacob, and Howard Payne, Capt. Don White, 1st Lt. Mario Carrasco, and Sr. Mbr. Darryl Corresel.

Squadron awards presented were: Esprit de corps award — Cadet James Solomon; outstanding performance in cadet leadership — Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Brian Williams; and flight awards — Cadet 2nd Lt. Richard Felipe, flight commander of Alpha Flight.

National awards were:

✕ Paul E. Garber Award — Chaplain (Maj.) Howard Payne; ✕ Grover Loening Award — Maj. George Jacob;

✕ Brig. Gen. Charles E. Yeager Aerospace Education Award — Capt. Don White; ✕ Billy Mitchell Award — Cadet 2nd Lts. Sarah Goodman and Phillip Louissaint; and

✕ Certificate of Proficiency

— Capt. Bill Cuddyer.

Awardees of the Red Service Ribbon were:

✕ Five years — Cpts. Scott Borer and Dick Holmstrom, and Cadet Capt. Thomas Hatch; and

✕ Two years — 1st Lt. Adelle McKinney and cadets Brian Williams, Michael Allard, Todd Rasmussen, Amy Jones and Sarah Goodman.

A change of command ceremony ended the evening's festivities as Cadet Capt. Scott Marikian, cadet commander for two years, transferred his command to Cadet Capt. Thomas Hatch. Hatch, a licensed pilot, has been a member for almost five years.

*1st Lt. Adelle McKinney*

NEVADA — Venture Scout Crew 1069 presented a life-size replica of the Wright Brothers' historic "*Wright Flyer*" at the annual Scout Expo held at Lorenzi Park in Las Vegas, Nev.

The Venture Scout Crew 1069, which is jointly chartered with CAP's Nellis Cadet Squadron, took second place in the Expo.

The replica provided a glimpse into the history of flight during this year's centennial celebration of flight. The members of "Crew 1069" demonstrated what imagination and desire can achieve by displaying the full-scale, mechanically animated replica used by Wilbur and Orville Wright on their historic 12-second flight on Dec. 17, 1903. The replica sported operational flight controls to demonstrate the mechanics of flight.

*Sr. Mbr. Bob Conner*

OREGON — Fifteen cadets participated in a morning of cadet leadership and teamwork activities at the Sublimity (Oregon) Fire Station.

These activities, unless strong leadership and teamwork were used, were designed for failure. The goal was not to hurt the cadets, but to help them identify their personal strengths and shortcomings.

The Salem Composite Squadron cadets met at the Sublimity (Oregon) Fire Station where they were challenged by several simulations designed by Sublimity Fire District Capt. Michael Patrick and Fire Chief Alan McMahan.

The first exercise involved crossing a "minefield" in the dark as a team. Only one team member had night-vision goggles, and that person had to use military-style drill orders to guide the team across.





Cadets with Oregon Wing's Salem Composite Squadron visited the Sublimity Fire Station where they were challenged by several simulations designed by Sublimity Fire District Capt. Michael Patrick and Fire Chief Alan McMahan.

Secondly, to illustrate the importance of teamwork, the members had to stand together on two boards with rope handles and walk through a course without falling off. Finally, the highlight of the day for the cadets was searching for victims in a simulated smoke-filled structure using firefighter equipment and

techniques.

The squadron is currently rebuilding a communications vehicle that will allow unit members to provide communications support for nearly any emergency or situation. The squadron is being considered for a new mission in Oregon that involves provision of communications support for the

Oregon State Fire Marshall's incident management teams.

*Alan McMahan*

OREGON — Six Oregon Wing squadrons provided 35 cadets and five senior members to assist a local aviation museum in adding to its historical collection.

The Evergreen Aviation

Museum in McMinnville, Ore., received an SR-71 Blackbird on permanent loan from the U.S. Air Force.

The McMinnville Composite Squadron Color Guard led the parade for the incoming aircraft, while members of the Aurora, Washington County, Mid Valley, Columbia Gorge, Salem and McMinnville Composite squadrons assisted with crowd control. The members then took formation and followed the plane into its stationary display area.

The museum and the local

McMinnville squadron have a long-standing relationship — combining efforts on many community and aerospace education projects. The squadron has helped the museum with crowd control and parking, while the museum has hosted many CAP events, including CAP's 60th anniversary celebration, wing commander's calls and local change-of-command ceremonies. This fall, it will host the Pacific Region Aerospace Education Conference.

*Lt. Col. Les Peterson*

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# Lewis scores fifth top-10 finish this season

## ■ Finishes 7th at Kentucky Speedway in Meijer 300

KENTUCKY SPEEDWAY — Ashton Lewis Jr. started the No. 46 Civil Air Patrol Chevrolet Monte Carlo from the 13th position for the Meijer 300 at Kentucky Speedway.

Ashton quickly moved into the 10th spot within the first five laps event proving what the team knew after Friday evening's Happy Hour — they had a car capable of running up front.

Fifteen laps into the event, Ashton reported the car was tight in the center of the corner. Crew chief Charlie Lewis told him they would make the necessary adjustments.

A long green-flag run forced the field to make their first round of pit stops around lap 62. Ashton pitted on lap 65 taking four tires, fuel and a wedge adjustment.

A quick stop got Ashton back out on the track in the ninth position. On lap 74, he reported the wedge adjustment made during the pit stop had not corrected the tight condition of his car. Charlie promised the driver they would make more adjustments on the next stop. An accident on lap 85 brought out the first caution of the day.

Following the rest of the leaders, Ashton came down pit road on lap 86 for service by his crew. Charlie opted for a two-tire-only



Ashton Lewis Sr. inspects the No. 46 Civil Air Patrol Chevrolet prior to the Meijer 300 at the Kentucky Speedway June 14.

stop in order to gain track position. A wedge adjustment and track bar adjustment was also made. When racing resumed on lap 90, Ashton restarted in the 2nd position.

The next 54 laps of the event went caution-free.

Ashton reported the car had become too loose, especially in turns three and four — he fell back to 10th on lap 116. He managed to

maintain that position until an accident on lap 144 brought out another caution.

Ashton brought the No. 46 CAP Chevrolet down pit road on lap 145 for his last stop of the day. His crew gave him four tires, an air pressure adjustment, a wedge adjustment and fuel, and then got him back out on the track in the ninth position.

On lap 165, Ashton narrowly

escaped an accident that took two competitors in the top-five out of contention, allowing him to move up to the seventh spot.

Racing resumed on lap 171 and remained under green for the remainder of the event. Ashton ended the event with a seventh-place finish — his second consecutive top-10 finish and the team's fifth top-10 for the season.





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